



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution making certain findings regarding the construction of certain public improvements with Redevelopment Funds (Downtown Public Art Improvements);

The Redevelopment Agency (Agency) has made a commitment to support the growing public art collection throughout the City of Long Beach. The Agency's investment in public art has been instrumental in leveraging other redevelopment projects, decreasing blight and contributing to positive neighborhood transformations.

As part of improvements to public infrastructure, public art can be incorporated in a variety of projects such as street medians, sidewalk treatments, bus stop enclosures, murals, decorative metal work, park developments, and utility boxes. Vacant lots and empty storefronts awaiting development are also enhanced through temporary public art installations that are rotated throughout the Agency's project areas.

The Agency has supported the growth of public art by entering into a partnership with the Arts Council for Long Beach for the creation and installation of public art, as well as pursuing independent endeavors.

To pursue public art opportunities, California Redevelopment Law requires that the Agency adopt a resolution making the following findings:

- That the construction of such public improvements are of benefit to the redevelopment project area or the immediate neighborhood in which the public improvement project is located.
- That no other reasonable means of financing the public improvements are available to the community.
- That the payment of Agency funds for the construction of public improvements will assist in the elimination of one or more blighting conditions within the redevelopment project area.

A separate resolution for each redevelopment project area is required. Adoption of these resolutions will allow the Agency to proceed with the creation and installation of various public art projects.

This letter was reviewed by Chief Assistant City Attorney Heather Mahood on March 19, 2009 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on March 23, 2009.

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

Cost for prospective projects is unknown at this point. However, funding for public art is available in the Redevelopment Fund (RD) in the Department of Development Services (DV). There is no fiscal

impact to the General Fund (GP).

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS (DOWNTOWN PUBLIC ART IMPROVEMENTS)