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Recommendation to receive and file a report from Long Beach Unified School District Board Member, Dr. Felton Williams, on the 2017 Urban Educator of the Year, Green Garner Award.

Dr. Felton Williams has been on the Long Beach Board of Education for more than 13 years, serving multiple terms as president and vice president of the 74,000-student school system's policymaking body. Dr. Williams earned a master's degree in business administration at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB); obtained a Ph.D. in higher education at Claremont Graduate University, and served as the Dean of School of Business and Social Science at Long Beach City College (LBCC).

Williams has proved to be an integral leader in improving academic performance among students and has done so through multiple efforts: the planning and implementation of the district's Academic and Career Success Initiative, the development of a program to increase the number of students of color pursuing Advanced Placement (AP) courses and exams, the launching of the district's ethnic studies program, and his advocacy of the Long Beach College Promise which is recognized nationally and serves as a model for community colleges across California.

On October 19th, 2017, eleven school board members from big-city school districts competed for the nation's highest honor in urban education leadership, the Urban Educator of the Year, Green Garner Award; as expected, our very own Felton Williams, received the esteemed award at the Council of the Great City Schools' 51st Annual Fall Conference in Cleveland.

There is no fiscal impact for this report.

Approve recommendation.

COUNCILWOMAN LENA GONZALEZ  
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