City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: October 18, 2016

To: State Legislation Committee Members

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager

Subject: **Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 16**

For information, a "Government Affairs by the Numbers" report is provided annually as a way to quantify the City's legislative efforts. Attached for your information are two documents:

- Government Affairs by the Numbers – FY 16
- Overview of State, Federal and County Successes

Funds that Long Beach received for projects, or saved from State or federal cuts, are the result of efforts by the Mayor and City Council, federal and State Legislation Committees, the City's legislative advocates in FY 16 Mike Arnold and Associates, Dentons, City staff, and our Long Beach federal and State legislative delegations.

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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS BY THE NUMBERS
FISCAL YEAR 2016

Federal Issues

East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Army Corps Work Plan Funding	$	75,000
TOTAL:	**$**	**75,000**

State Issues

Redevelopment Loan Repayment: Open Space Bond Debt Service	$	35,000,000
TOTAL:	**$**	**35,000,000**

County Issues

Measure M: Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (Metro) Sales Tax	$	6,700,000+
Measure A: Los Angeles County Park Bond	$	1,800,000+
TOTAL:	**$**	**8,500,000+**

Other State and Federal Successes

Supported AB 806 to promote Economic Development	$	TBD
Supported SB 1380 to prioritize Housing First, *homeless model in Long Beach*	$	TBD
Supported AB 2594 to all stormwater to augment existing water supplies	$	TBD
Supported AB 2722, the Transformative Climate Communities Program	$	TBD
Opposed AB 2835, which would have added unnecessary costs to hiring	$	TBD

GRAND TOTAL:	**$**	**43,575,000+**

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

OVERVIEW OF STATE AND FEDERAL SUCCESSES

FISCAL YEAR 2016

Federal Successes

East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Study

In FY 16, after nearly 10 years of advocacy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) officially signed an amendment to the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study's (Study) Federal Cost Share Agreement to make the Study viable. By February 2016, the Study officially began. During this time, the Army Corps also found $75,000 from other federal studies to re-program, or allocate to, the East San Pedro Bay Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. In addition to the Army Corps' $75,000, the City transferred $750,000 in local Tidelands Funding to begin study activities. Significant progress with this Study was achieved in FY 16. In August 2016, the Army Corps reached the Alternatives Milestone, the first milestone in the 3-year feasibility study process.

C-17 Workforce and Land Use Transition Grant

The U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment (DOD), contacted the City of Long Beach in recognition of the Boeing Company's C-17 Production Facility closure in FY 15. Grant implementation, led by the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network was so successful that the DOD expressed interest in a second round of funding even as the original funding allocation was still ongoing. During the first phase of the City's response to Boeing's C-17 Facility closure, the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network assisted 1,100 workers. As work on this facility closure began to involve land use elements, a community meeting was held in August 2016 at Long Beach City College to present initial financial feasibility findings of preliminary land use alternatives.

State Successes

Open Space Bond Debt Service - $35 million Loan Repayment

In FY 15, through significant legislative advocacy, the City secured an agreement with the State Department of Finance (DOF) for $35 million in loan repayments associated with Long Beach Open Space Bonds. The former Long Beach Redevelopment Agency's repayment plan to the City's General Fund would have spread payments out over more than 10 years. Given the nature of the State's Redevelopment Dissolution process, the City sought to accelerate loan repayments to the maximum extent possible. Long Beach developed an accelerated loan repayment plan and submitted this proposal to the DOF. Initially, the DOF denied the loan repayment. However, after additional legislative advocacy, the actual payments were approved.

Stormwater Management – Using Municipal Stormwater to Augment Existing Water Supplies

In FY 16, the City's Department of Public Works secured $28 million for the Long Beach Municipal Urban Stormwater Treatment (LB-MUST) stormwater recycling facility. Government Affairs supported this project in the State legislature by advocating for a number of stormwater related legislation. In the end, AB 2594 was enacted. This bill explicitly authorizes local governments with a stormwater management plan to use stormwater to augment existing water supplies. The bill provides the City's LB-MUST project with increasing credibility and continues to supports its development through reducing risk to the project and water supplies.

County Successes

Measure M: Los Angeles County Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) released draft ballot language, inclusive of an expenditure plan, for a countywide ½-cent sales tax measure. If approved by at least two-thirds of voters in November 2016, Measure M will provide approximately $7 million in new revenues per year to the City of Long Beach for improving local streets and roads. At a rate of 17 percent, the Local Return in Measure M is an improvement over Metro's existing Measure R Local Return rate of 15 percent. With that said, major Long Beach transportation projects were initially underrepresented in Metro's overall expenditure plan. The City advocated strongly to include project specific funding for the Shoemaker Bridge Project, a grade separation project at the Blue Line Wardlow Station, and installation of fare evasion infrastructure at the four Blue Line Stations in downtown Long Beach. Long Beach also worked with our partners at the Port of Long Beach and Long Beach Transit to support these requests, along with additional Port and Transit requests. By the time the Metro Board of Directors voted to place Measure M on the November 2016 ballot, Long Beach was successful in convincing Metro to name all 3 Long Beach projects within the ballot measure; specified funding for the Blue Line projects has yet to be identified, and funding for the Shoemaker Bridge will be shared with other I-710 Early Action Projects.

Measure A: Los Angeles County Park Bond

If Measure A passes in November by a two-thirds vote, it is anticipated that Long Beach will receive an estimated annual allocation of $1,428,156 from the percentage of funds dedicated to pay for projects consistent with or similar to those identified in the County's 2016 Parks Need Assessment. In addition to funding for new parks, the City will receive an estimated $347,318 annually for maintenance and service of any previous Proposition A funded parks, or new parks projects. While the City and the County of Los Angeles initially struggled to find common ground on the County Park Needs Assessment, Long Beach was able to negotiate language in the final Park Bond resolution to provide flexibility in project funding so that dollars allocated to the City can be maximized for feasible projects desired by the City.