



Date: January 20, 2016
From: Patrick H. West, City Manager 
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Civic Commons Grant Application**

The Knight Foundation has invited Long Beach to participate in "Reimagining the Civic Commons," an initiative designed to reinvigorate public spaces and make them places of connection and community building through a combination of programming, policy, and design. Long Beach is one of only nine cities selected to participate in this unique and rigorous 11-week design process. The Long Beach Community Foundation will be the lead for this initiative, with the City of Long Beach and City Fabrick as its partners. At this point, we are not receiving direct funding, nor is funding for any proposal guaranteed. However, we may become eligible for funding through the development of an outstanding and competitive proposal for how Long Beach can reimagine the Civic Commons.

Over the course of 11 weeks, the Long Beach team will work with IDEO, a global design firm hired by the Knight Foundation, to help us gain insight into what would make a compelling Civic Commons experience, generate innovative concepts to reinvigorate the Commons, and prototype those concepts to bring them to life. Through this research-based design process, we will be able to test ideas and determine the best way and best place to reimagine the Civic Commons in Long Beach.

Should the City be considered for a grant award, staff will return to the City Council with the specific details of the proposal and will request approval to accept the grant.

For more information regarding the Civic Commons, please call Tom Modica, Assistant City Manager, at (562) 570- 5091 or Tom.Modica@longbeach.gov.

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