



Date: November 9, 2018
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PHW*
Subject: **City Council District Priorities Appropriations**

City Council District Priorities appropriations have been included in budgets for several years. This funding, informally known as "Divide by Nine," has been approved by the City Council as part of the annual budget process for a variety of purposes. For a period of time, the original budgeted purpose was limited to infrastructure, but the budget purpose has been significantly expanded by the City Council in recent years. In addition, a Councilmember has had the ability to request a different use, provided it is approved by the full City Council through an agenda item on the Regular agenda. City staff and the City Attorney work with the Councilmembers to secure approval for the projects and programs they feel are most important for their districts. Some of these projects/programs include:

- Arts Initiatives
- Beach Streets
- Community Movie Nights
- Concerts in the Park
- Parades
- Community Events
- Festivals

Because this process, and how this money is allowed to be utilized, can become confusing and can involve City Charter and Long Beach Municipal Code requirements, written procedures have been developed over the last few years in conjunction with the City Attorney. Supplements and additions to the procedures have been issued, but they have not been combined and integrated into a single updated procedure. In addition, the procedures are in need of an overall update.

The City Manager's Office is working with the Department of Financial Management and the City Attorney to consolidate and update the City Council District Priorities appropriations procedures. We anticipate completing the procedures by the end of January.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 570-6916 or Finance Director John Gross at (562) 570-6427 or Budget Bureau Manager Grace Yoon at (562) 570-6408.

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