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To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *P.H.W.*

From: Linda F. Tatum, Director of Development Services *LT*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Cultural Heritage Commission 2018 In Review**

The attached copy of the Cultural Heritage Commission 2018 In Review highlights the work of the Cultural Heritage Commission (Commission) on local historic preservation, landmark designation, and various historic district activities and initiatives. Long Beach remains committed to maintaining its rich history and unique character, which is enhanced by the diligent efforts of the Commission, as reflected through the wide variety of projects featured in this report.

The Commission acts as an advisor on planning policies as they relate to historical preservation, working closely with the Mayor and City Council, staff, and property owners of historic sites, making recommendations for the designation of landmarks and historic districts, advising on technical aspects of a project, and encouraging the community's understanding and appreciation of the City's architectural and environmental history. Long Beach continues to build momentum for historic preservation with an array of incentives for owners of historic properties that include greater flexibility for adaptive reuse, development of Historic District Design Guidelines, and more community outreach and engagement opportunities. These efforts promote the revitalization and sustainability of the community and enhance the City's overall quality of life.

If you would like additional copies of the Review, or for further information regarding the Commission, please contact me at (562) 570-6428. The publication is also available electronically at: <http://www.lbds.info/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=7492>

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