Date: January 21, 2020
To: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager
From: Gerardo Mouet, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Youth Strategic Plan – Upcoming Community Forums

As part of the Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 budget adoption process, the City Council allocated one-time resources for creation of a Youth Strategic Plan. Development of the Youth Strategic Plan is a cross-departmental effort led by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Department of Health and Human Services. This memorandum provides an update on the Youth Ambassador selection and orientation process, and information on the upcoming Youth Strategic Plan (Plan) community forums.

Youth Ambassadors

Youth Ambassadors (YAs) have been identified for each Council District. They will co-lead the development of the Plan along with the support of the project team (City staff). All YAs participated in an orientation session to build social connectedness, create a statement of possibility for youth, and begin capacity building efforts for future data collection and Plan development efforts. As part of their learning experience, YAs will also learn about the fundamentals of data collection, including how to administer community surveys, co-facilitate community forums, conduct focus groups, and understand how data are used for strategic planning processes.

Community Forums and Data Collection Efforts

The project team will coordinate three community forums, which the YAs will co-facilitate (see attached flyer for additional information). The dates/locations for the community forums are:

- January 25, 2020 at 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. (Districts 1, 2, and 6)
  Billie Jean King Main Library, Meeting Room A, 200 West Broadway

- February 1, 2020 at 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. (Districts 3, 4, and 5)
  Whaley Park Community Center, 5620 East Atherton Street

- February 8, 2020 at 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. (Districts 7, 8, and 9)
  Silverado Park, Social Hall, 1545 West 31st Street

The two primary goals for the forums are to: (1) collect community perspectives and recommendations to inform the development of the Plan, and (2) connect youth with one another and to community resources. The forums will use a community roundtable format and
a survey will also be administered. Additionally, staff will make available an online survey for community member engagement, as well as conduct key informant interviews. The online survey will be administered January through February 2020.

For further information, please contact Teresa Chandler, Interim Deputy City Manager, at (562) 570-5116 or via email at Teresa.Chandler@longbeach.gov.

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YOUTH STRATEGIC PLAN COMMUNITY FORUMS

THE CITY OF LONG BEACH WILL HOST THREE FORUMS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND FORMATION OF THE CITY’S FIRST YOUTH STRATEGIC PLAN.

1ST FORUM  
JANUARY 25, 2020  
COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 6  
LOCATION: BILLIE JEAN KING MAIN LIBRARY, MEETING ROOM A  
200 W BROADWAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90802  
TIME: 12 PM - 2:30 PM

2ND FORUM  
FEBRUARY 1, 2020  
COUNCIL DISTRICTS 3, 4, AND 5  
LOCATION: WHALEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER  
5620 E ATHERTON ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90815  
TIME: 12 PM - 2:30 PM

3RD FORUM  
FEBRUARY 8, 2020  
COUNCIL DISTRICTS 7, 8, AND 9  
LOCATION: SILVERADO PARK, SOCIAL HALL  
1545 W 31ST ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90810  
TIME: 12 PM - 2:30 PM

RESOURCE FAIRS  
LEARN HOW TO GET MORE INVOLVED!  
CHECK OUT LOCAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOWING EVERY FORUM FROM 2:30 PM TO 3:30 PM.