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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **New Sustainability Strategic Plan and Earth Day Summit**

On February 2, 2010, the City Council adopted the Sustainable City Action Plan. This plan guided priorities and goals for the City's work towards environmental sustainability for ten years and sunsetted in 2020. The Office of Sustainability is currently creating a report to look back at the accomplishments of the past ten years and learn from the work that has been done to create a new Sustainability Strategic Plan.

The new Sustainability Strategic Plan will have a shorter, five-year timeline to allow for greater flexibility and more frequent adjustments to new priorities and technologies as they develop. This plan will support the implementation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and ensure the City is aligned with regional initiatives, such as the Los Angeles County Sustainability Plan and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Green Region Initiative, and the City is tracking progress toward national and international best practices as recognized by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) Clean Energy Scorecard, the CDP Cities A List, and LEED for Cities.

In support of the plan development, the Office of Sustainability invites the Long Beach community of environmental professionals, students, activists, and concerned residents to participate and discuss the future of sustainability in Long Beach at the Earth Day Summit. The Summit will be held via Zoom on Earth Day, April 22, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event is live on [Eventbrite](#) and invitations to participate are being sent from the Office of Sustainability and event partners to engaged residents and community organizations.

This Summit will be focused on the major topics in sustainability today and what actions are most needed to make Long Beach a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient city. This will be the first opportunity for public input to help set priorities for the Sustainability Strategic Plan.

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