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Public Invited to Provide Input on Future Development of Queen Mary Area

The public is invited to attend a Queen Mary Land Development Task Force (Task Force) workshop and provide input on future development of the area surrounding the Queen Mary. The free event is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2016, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the First Congregational Church of Long Beach, 241 Cedar Avenue.

“Long Beach has a historic opportunity to shape the future of an iconic landmark in our City,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “Collaboration between the Task Force and community will provide guiding principles that will help revitalize the area and contribute to the success of Downtown.”

The workshop will feature an interactive presentation of the goals and objectives for future development of the Queen Mary leasehold area. The event will also offer the community and other stakeholders an opportunity to provide input on concepts and ideas to be included in a planning document that will outline guiding principles for development and use of the area surrounding the Queen Mary.

“Community involvement in this process is critical to the success of the future development of the area surrounding one of Long Beach’s most treasured assets,” said Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal.

In December 2015, the 12-member Task Force was appointed to establish an optimal approach for reimagining and developing the area around the ship, and engage the public in the development process. Over the past six months, the Task Force has held various outreach events, including a site tour and comprehensive planning and design workshops to solicit public input.

“The Task Force has crafted draft guiding development principles for the 64-acre area surrounding the iconic Queen Mary,” said Michael Bohn, Chair of the Task Force. “This is to ensure that new development is both bold and appropriate to Long Beach and at the same time complement the Queen Mary.”

In November 2015, the City Council approved an Amended and Restated Queen Mary Master Lease and subsequent assignment to a new Master Lessee, Urban Commons, LLC, for the City-owned Queen Mary and adjacent shore side property. The Amended and Restated Lease provides the necessary modifications to attract new development, while also providing stronger support for the preservation and maintenance of the historic ship. This new lease provided a timely opportunity for a public visioning process to guide future development.

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