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Budget Oversight Committee Budget Recommendations
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Associated Adoption Night Action: Adopt the Budget Oversight Committee's proposed funding recommendations, as amended, to the Proposed FY 26 Budget.

Motion:

- A. Motion to support Mayor Richardson's proposed budget recommendations.
- B. Motion to support the Budget Oversight Committee's proposed budget recommendations and changes to the Mayor's Budget Recommendations and appropriate the following one-time enhancements or provide policy direction:
 - B-1. Motion to request the City Manager to immediately identify solutions as the top priority to further enhance Paramedic Rescue response capabilities in addition to the structural funding identified for Peak Load Rescue 2 on a 12-hour, 7-day a week schedule proposed in the City Manager's budget, and for those enhancements to begin in the FY 26 budget year and return to City Council with the funding sources and implementation plan.
 - B-2. Motion request the City Manager to work with the Health and Human Services Department to identify one-time funds of \$318,187 within the Health Fund Group for two positions, one Public Health Nurse II and one Health Educator II, in the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program to provide bridge funding until July 1, 2026, at which point the City anticipates receiving grant funds that will fully cover the staff.
 - B-3. Motion to request the City Manager to reserve unspent funds for the Dia de los Muertos parade, which will not be held FY 26, and carry funds over into FY 27 to be utilized for the 2026 Dia de los Muertos event which will bring the total funding available in FY 27 to \$100,000.
 - B-4. Motion to keep the current cultivation cannabis tax rate at \$13.09 through October 1, 2026. The cultivation tax rate is subject to an automatic increase on October 1, 2025, per the Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculator without City Council direction.
 - B-5. Motion to request a one-time revision to the current Council District Priority Funding fiscal policy relating to Special Events and Filming (SEF) fundraising efforts for FY 26. Council Offices shall be responsible for completing the Special Events Council Event Form, including obtaining the required signature. On this form, the Council Office must provide SEF with the event budget and the anticipated amount to be raised through sponsorships to be able to proceed, but a specific Council letter or Approved Project List fund transfer, committing District Priority Funds (Divide by 9) shall no longer be required prior to event

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arrangements. However, if the sponsorship goal is not met, the Council Office will be responsible for covering the remaining balance either from future Divide by 9, operating budget, or any other solution.

B-6. Motion to request the City Manager to reserve savings identified in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department estimated in the amount of \$185,000 by FY 25 year-end and carried forward to FY 26 to support 10 Municipal Band events in the Tidelands area, fully funding the Municipal Band for FY 26 along with already received sponsorships, with a commitment to dedicated fundraising efforts from councilmembers and Municipal Band supporters to support funding gaps for all foreseeable future seasons beyond FY 26 and align future events to account for funds secured, which may be at a reduced level if fundraising is not successful.

B-7. Motion to revise the previously approved Marina Vista Park Pickleball Design and Permitting funding of \$100,000 from Tidelands Operating Fund Group to allow the funds to create one dedicated Pickleball court and one dual striped tennis/pickleball court in Marina Vista Park, with the remaining amount to continue to be available for Design and Permitting for additional new facilities.

B-8. Motion to request the City Manager to work with the Health and Human Services Department to continue to prioritize funding available from the opioid settlement proceeds to distribute Fentanyl Detection Kits, as detailed in the May 21, 2025 [memo](#) to the City Council, and return to City Council to appropriate funds identified, if necessary.

B-9. Motion to request the City Manager to work with the Economic Development and Opportunity Department to prioritize BID funding support available through the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan to install year-round cameras and lighting to improve public safety in the Zaferia Business Association BID, if in alignment with overall fiscal priorities of the BID's use of funds.

B-10. Motion to request the City Manager to work with the Economic Development and Opportunity Department to prioritize BID funding support available through the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan to enhance 4th Street Farmers Market programming and outreach if in alignment with overall fiscal priorities of the 4th Street Business Improvement Association use of funds.

B-11. Motion to add one-time funds of \$50,000 in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department offset by unallocated Park Impact Fees to further explore the Skatepark Feasibility Study to evaluate site

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conditions, environmental and community impacts, design options, and cost estimates.

B-12. Motion to add one-time funds of \$25,000 in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, offset by unallocated Park Impact Fees, for focused revisioning and community engagement over the long-term restoration and public access enhancements at Willow Springs Park, which will further open space restoration, public access improvements, and long-term ecological investment at Willow Springs Park.

B-13. Motion to request the City Manager to work with the Long Beach Airport Department to continue the subsidized aviation fuel for the environment program. City Council authorized \$60,000 for the Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) reimbursement program and \$200,000 for the unleaded avgas subsidy program. To date, the programs have obligated over \$5,000 in STC reimbursements and over \$25,000 in subsidies. Both programs sunset at the end of this year and City Council action is needed to extend them.

B-14. Motion to reallocate the \$47,500 from the Grow Long Beach Loans program line item for Central Long Beach, and \$25,000 from Cambodian Economic Impact Study in the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan to fund the feasibility and/or implementation of the Microentrepreneur and Vending Economic Opportunity Program as outlined in the [February 26, 2025 Memo](#) responding to City Council direction on this item.

B-15. Motion to add “and Activations” to the description for the Central area in the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan for Corridor Improvements.

B-16. Motion to recommend that the Business Support Office program funding in the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan to focus its efforts on expanding economic opportunities for microentrepreneurs, including sidewalk vending, and expanding programs and resources that would further assist microentrepreneurs as discussed in the [February 26, 2025 Memo](#).

B-17. Motion to reallocate \$50,000 within the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan from the Advertising District program line item to conduct a high-level feasibility study of the costs of refurbishing and upgrading the Historical District of Willmore city lamp posts lighting.

B-18. Motion to reallocate \$200,000 within the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan towards piloting a temporary deployment of private security services within the designated Dining & Entertainment Zone. Specifically,

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\$100,000 from the Downtown Activation & Events program line item, and \$100,000 from the Downtown Advertising District program line item.

B-19. Motion to reallocate \$47,000 within the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan from the Grow Long Beach Loans program line item for assessment funding to begin design and interim improvements for the Promenade Square Park Fountain.

B-20. Motion to support the use of Movies in the Park in the Downtown Area as a priority for the Downtown Activation & Events made available through the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan.

B-21. Motion to reallocate \$50,000 within the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan from the Market Study Implementation program line for street safety improvements on Santa Fe Avenue and connecting streets near 23rd Street and Santa Fe, including but not limited to crosswalk repainting, permanent speed feedback signage, improved lighting and other traffic calming measures recommended by the City Traffic Engineer.

B-22. Motion to structurally add an Assistant Administrative Analyst position to improve the timeliness of the administration and expenditure of the Justice Fund dollars in the City Manager's Office, using the structural dollars currently set aside for the Justice Fund as the structural offset. In order to not affect the current recommended amount for the Justice Fund efforts in the Proposed Budget, add \$130,000 in one-times funds in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department for the Justice Fund, offset by one-time reduction in the amount of \$130,000 in the General Fund Group in the Park, Recreation, and Marine Department to recognize savings due to timing of Animal Care staffing implementation as a result of delayed legal proceedings in the spcaLA lease termination in the Proposed FY 26 Budget. This additional \$130,000 brings the total investment noted in the FY 26 Mayor's Budget Recommendations to \$2.63 million towards supporting the needs of Long Beach's diverse immigrant communities.

B-23. Motion to request the City Manager prioritize available operating funding in FY 26 funding to procure new signage at the Billie Jean King Main Library to inform the public of trespassing ordinances and return to the City Council if existing operating budget cannot complete the project.

B-24. Motion to request the City Manager to enhance communication and promotion of existing services to provide subsidized parking for Billie Jean King

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Main Library patrons, which currently is more than 80% subsidy for the first three hours.

B-25. Motion to request the City Manager to work with the Public Works Department to create an infrastructure investment plan that assesses all Long Beach public libraries that can inform the upcoming update to the 5-year infrastructure plan.

B-26. Motion to add one-time funds in the amount of \$160,000 to support the Safe Passage Program in the General Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by a one-time reduction in the amount of \$160,000 in the General Fund Group in the Park, Recreation, and Marine Department to recognize savings due to timing of Animal Care staffing implementation as a result of delayed legal proceedings in the spcaLA lease termination in the Proposed FY 26 Budget.

B-27. Motion to reallocate one-time funding of \$25,000 for the Long Beach Area Veterans Commission in the Mayor's FY 26 Budget Recommendations to support the Veterans Banner Program in the General Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department as requested by the Veteran's Commission.

B-28. Motion to add one-time funding of \$103,000 for the Micro-Grant Program in the General Fund Group in the Community Development Department, offset by reallocating \$103,000 from the \$133,000 from the Mayor's FY 26 Summer Block Parties and Neighborhood Activities, (\$20,000 from the Grow Long Beach Loans allocation as a part of the Successor Agency Sale Proceeds, and \$83,000 of FY 25 anticipated carryover), leaving \$30,000 for the Summer Block Parties and Neighborhood Activations.

B-29. Motion to request the City Manager to work with the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department to prioritize available operating or capital dollars in the FY 26 funding to repair the HVAC system at the Nature Center and return to the City Council if additional funds are needed.

B-30. Motion to establish requirements surrounding the \$200,000 allocated towards Community Land Trust as a part of the Mayor's FY 26 Budget Recommendations as a result of recognizing the importance of new ways to deliver affordable housing and the work of the land trust to date, while also protecting city resources and assuring accountability. The disbursement of the \$200,000 is contingent on substantial progress toward acquiring real property for the land trust to administer, this progress could include: the acquisition, acceptance, bid, offer, RFP response towards property acquisition, and/or evidence of matching funds

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raised as the land trust demonstrates grants, donations or other funding from sources other than the City.

B-31. Motion to reallocate up to \$300,000 from the County Measure A category of Flexible Homelessness Prevention and Rental Assistance in the Mayor's FY 26 Budget Recommendations to the Tenant Right to Counsel program, to account for the potential reduced carryover amount now projected to range between \$0 to \$150,000 instead of \$440,000 as previously estimated for the Tenant Right to Counsel, to ensure \$1,500,000 is available for the Tenant Right to Counsel program. The full reallocation will be based on a final accounting of actual carryover from LA County for the Tenant Right to Counsel program.

B-32. Motion to request the City Manager expressly allow a minimum of \$250,000 and up to \$500,000 in settlement assistance funding as an allowable use under the County Measure A category of Homelessness Prevention and Rental Assistance in the Mayor's FY 26 Budget recommendations. Additionally, provide the BOC a report in January 2026 regarding the status of these programs.

B-33. Motion to direct the City Manager to evaluate and complete a cost analysis of the Hoops After Dark Program within the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department beginning in FY 26, as it is funded as a part of the Mayor's Recommendations on a one-time basis, to explore looking to host the program in house in FY 27 and beyond.

B-34. Motion to request the Port of Long Beach to contribute one-time funding of \$50,000 from the Harbor Fund Group to match the FY 26 budget's one-time funding of \$50,000 in the Special Advertising and Promotion Fund Group, providing a total of \$100,000 to fund the Long Beach Pride Parade. Of this amount, the City's \$50,000 allocation was recommended to be made structural as part of the FY 26 Mayor's Recommendations.

B-35. Motion to request the City Manager to work with staff to include West Long Beach as a part of the proposed FY 26 Budget one-time Assembly Bill 32 funding of \$100,000 to support urban forestry tree plantings in priority areas of extreme heat areas and to prioritize Bixby Knolls, California Heights, Lakewood Village, South of Conant to be included in pre-existing unspent funds already allocated to tree planting.

B-36. Motion to request \$50,000 from the Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds plan for the Public Realm program line item to support a match for

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other funding sources to improve the public realm in Gumbiner Park and allow the park to be secured at night.

B-37. Motion to reallocate one-time funding of \$200,000 currently appropriated in the Tidelands Operating Fund Group in the Public Works Department for homeless response to the City Auditor's Department to complete an audit of the Tidelands Fund.

B-38. Motion to request the City Manager to prioritize strengthening the City's General Fund Group operating reserves and contingency funds to protect core public services and fiscal resilience in the face of potential federal funding reductions and other potential pressures on the City's budget.

B-39. Motion to adopt the updated RDA table reflective of both the Mayor's recommendations and BOC recommendations for a total of \$8.7 million in the General Fund Group across various departments in Attachment #1.

B-40. Motion to establish a May 15th, 2025, deadline for Budget Oversight Committee (BOC) members to submit recommendations regarding BOC agenda topics, with the exception of urgent, unforeseen matters that may arise and need to be added to the agenda at a later time.

B-41. Motion to require community budget meeting feedback results be provided to the Budget Oversight Committee (BOC) and City Council no later than two weeks before the proposed budget adoption date.

B-42. Motion for City Manager to return with three alternative residential street allocation formulas, separate from the current and previously used models as laid out in the [quantitative analysis](#) provided by Public Works, with the goal of providing a more equitable distribution of baseline street investment citywide while targeting documented pavement deficiencies and higher density areas and traffic volume.

B-43. Motion for community budget survey responses be disaggregated by council district in reports.

B-44. Motion to set the deadline for City Council budget requests as the second-to-last BOC meeting, ensuring adequate time to develop final recommendations for City Council.

B-45. Motion to acknowledge that requests for funding from Council Districts of various programs have been received and reviewed. At this time, due to the absence of identified funding solutions, these requests cannot be recommended to be incorporated into the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The programs listed

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below remain on file for future consideration, pending availability of resources or alternative funding mechanisms. This motion serves to recognize the value of these initiatives while maintaining fiscal responsibility and transparency in the budgeting process:

1. Carroll Park - repurposed concrete streets to preserve original character
2. Programming at Bixby - activate parks through expanded programming
3. Cambodian Senior Meal Program
4. Feasibility of Concrete Neighborhood Street Repairs in Cal Heights Historic District
5. "Wrigley Neighborhood" banner signage along Pacific Avenue and Willow Street
6. Expansion of the Municipal Band in the Downtown Dining and Entertainment Zone
 - As this program is currently not able to sustain funding for its current structure, it is not recommended to expand until the program addresses its budget shortfall first.
7. Care Closet LBC cleanup efforts along Pacific Avenue and in the Westside Industrial Area
 - The FY 26 budget includes a new contractual services effort to address this need through a competitive process.
8. Maintain Funding for Westside Promise Coordinator position
 - The FY 26 budget includes upgrading a vacant Neighborhood Services Specialist III to an Administrative Analyst II in the Housing & Neighborhood Services Bureau to coordinate the Westside Promise Program.
9. Funding to support Rancho Los Cerritos and Ranchos Los Alamitos
 - As a part of the Mayor's Recommendations, \$50,000 one-time was added to support partnership efforts.

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Attachment 1: FY 26 Budget - Former Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Sale Proceeds Plan							
Program*	Department	Citywide	Central	Downtown	North	West	Total
Grow Long Beach Loans	Economic Development & Opportunity	7,500	-	100,500	-	297,500	\$405,500
Downtown Activation & Events ¹	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	400,000	-	-	\$400,000
Wayfinding & Public Realm	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	350,000	-	-	\$350,000
ED Non-Profit Contribution	Economic Development & Opportunity	400,000	-	-	-	-	\$400,000
VIP/Safe and Secure Grants	Economic Development & Opportunity	200,000	-	300,000	-	-	\$500,000
Rapid Response	Economic Development & Opportunity	200,000	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	\$500,000
BID Support ^{2,3}	Economic Development & Opportunity	200,000	100,000	150,000	50,000	-	\$500,000
Business Support Office ⁴	Economic Development & Opportunity	30,000	30,000	160,000	-	30,000	\$250,000
EIFD Planning	Economic Development & Opportunity	25,000	50,000	50,000	-	50,000	\$175,000
Storefront Wrapping	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	\$100,000
First Year Free Program	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	-	-	100,000	\$100,000
Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	-	150,000	-	\$150,000
Lease for North Long Beach Education Center	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	-	100,000	-	\$100,000
Advertising District	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	1,300,000	-	-	\$1,300,000
Market Study Implementation ⁵	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	-	-	175,000	\$175,000
Midblock Improvements	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	600,000	-	-	\$600,000
Walk of Fame	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	50,000	-	-	\$50,000
Corridor Improvements and Activations	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	250,000	-	-	-	\$250,000
El Mercado de Long Beach	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	500,000	-	-	\$500,000
Vacancy to Vibrancy	Economic Development & Opportunity	60,000	-	-	-	-	\$60,000
Level Up LB	Economic Development & Opportunity	230,000	-	-	-	-	\$230,000
Business Navigators Program	Economic Development & Opportunity	150,000	-	-	-	-	\$150,000
Legacy Business Program	Economic Development & Opportunity	100,000	-	-	-	-	\$100,000
YPB Outreach and Admin	Health and Human Services	93,750	43,750	43,750	-	43,750	\$225,000
Know Your Rights	Economic Development & Opportunity	25,000	-	50,000	-	75,000	\$150,000
S.T.R.O.N.G. Beach	Parks, Recreation, and Marine	25,000	25,000	25,000	-	25,000	\$100,000
Safe Passage	Health and Human Services	71,250	71,250	71,250	-	71,250	\$285,000
Block Parties and Neighborhood Activations	City Manager	7,500	7,500	7,500	-	7,500	\$30,000
Cambodian Economic Impact Study	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	25,000	-	-	-	\$25,000
Mobility Options for Olympics	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	50,000	-	-	\$50,000
Micro Entrepreneur and Vending Economic Opportunity Program	Community Development	-	72,500	-	-	-	\$72,500
Historical District of Willmore City Lamp Posts Lighting	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	50,000	-	-	\$50,000
Micro-Grant Program ⁶	Community Development	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	\$20,000
Match Funding- Improve the Public Realm in Gumbiner Park	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	50,000	-	-	\$50,000
Promenade Square Park Fountain Improvements	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	47,000	-	-	\$47,000
Piloting Private Security Services - Designated Dining & Entertainment Zone	Economic Development & Opportunity	-	-	200,000	-	-	\$200,000
Street Safety Improvements on Santa Fe Avenue and Connecting Streets near 23rd Street and Santa Fe	Public Works	-	-	-	-	50,000	\$50,000
RDA Total Uses		\$ 1,830,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 4,710,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 8,700,000

*As requested in the Mayor's FY 26 Budget Recommendations, one-time exception to the existing policy for the disposition of proceeds from the sale of former redevelopment agency properties to allow the citywide use of the Successor Agency Sale Proceeds to preserve and continue the violence prevention, youth engagement, and economic opportunity initiatives.

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