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ORDINANCE NO. ORD-07-0024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 2.38
ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Long Beach Municipal Code is amended by adding
Chapter 2.38 establishing a Sustainable City Commission as follows:

Chapter 2.38

SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION

Sections:

- 2.38.010 Created.
- 2.38.020 Purpose.
- 2.38.030 Authority over city officers and employees.
- 2.38.040 Members.
- 2.38.050 Term of office.
- 2.38.060 Applicability of Chapter 2.18 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

2.38.010 Created.

There is created a commission to be known as the Sustainable City
Commission.

2.38.020 Purpose.

The purpose of the commission shall be to make advisory policy

1 recommendations to the City Council on issues relating to the
2 environment, a sustainable City plan, efforts or programs to address
3 environmental issues such as air quality, water quality, resource
4 conservation relating to the protection and integrity of the natural
5 environment, programs to increase education and awareness of the
6 environment, to serve as a forum for community discussion of these
7 environmental issues, and to encourage input and participation from all
8 sectors of the community on issues of sustainability and the environment.

9 All recommendations of the commission shall be submitted to the
10 City Council in writing and shall include a summary of any citizen
11 testimony before the commission on each particular recommendation
12 presented for consideration.

13 The commission shall not sit as an adjudicatory body on any
14 matter, including, but not limited to, the adequacy or certification of any
15 environmental documents which are otherwise within the jurisdiction of the
16 City Council or Planning Commission and shall have no authority to
17 compel the attendance of persons before it. Each year the Commission
18 shall prepare a work program outlining the focus for the Commission for
19 review and approval by the City Council.

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21 2.38.030 Authority over City officers and employees.

22 The commission shall neither interfere with nor impose itself on the
23 powers and duties of the officers of the City as set forth in the City
24 Charter, nor shall the commission interfere with the management or
25 operations of the City. Likewise, the commission shall have no authority
26 over employees of the city, and the provisions of Section 208 of the City
27 Charter shall be applicable.
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1 2.38.040 Members.

2 A. The commission shall be comprised of eleven (11) members.
3 There shall be one commission member representing each of the nine
4 councilmanic districts and two members appointed at-large.

5 B. All members shall be appointed by the mayor subject to
6 confirmation by the city council. Each member of the city council shall
7 nominate a maximum of three (3) individuals to the mayor to represent
8 each respective council district.

9 C. Members of the commission shall have a demonstrated
10 concern for, and the desire to improve, the status of natural resources and
11 living environment of the City, and may have professional or scholarly
12 expertise in the environmental field, geology, hydrology, land use
13 planning, ecology, or special expertise and demonstrated capabilities in
14 fields relating to the social, economic or environmental aspects of life in
15 the City.

16 D. Whenever a member desires to resign from the commission, he
17 or she shall inform the chairperson in writing. Any member of the
18 commission may be removed by the mayor with the consent and approval
19 of the city council. If a member is absent without the consent of the
20 commission from three consecutive meetings, whether regular or special,
21 such absence shall cause the member's retirement from the commission.
22 In the event a vacancy is created, it shall immediately be filled by the
23 same method by which the member was appointed.

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25 2.38.050 Term of office.

26 A. The term of office for members of the commission shall be four
27 years. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

28 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision A of this section,

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five (5) members first appointed to the commission, including the two at large members and three other members as determined by lottery, shall serve for an initial two year term. Members serving an initial two year term shall be eligible for re-appointment to one additional four year term.

2.38.060 Applicability of Chapter 2.18 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

Except as provided in this chapter, the commission shall operate and conduct its business in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2.18 of this Code entitled "Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees."

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first day after it is approved by the Mayor.

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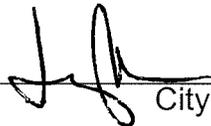
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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of May 15, 2007, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, DeLong,
Schipske, Gabelich, Lerch.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: O'Donnell, Reyes Uranga.



City Clerk

Approved: 5/18/07



Mayor