



Date: September 6, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District
Councilmember Robert Garcia, First District
Councilmember James Johnson, Seventh District

Subject: Local Hiring Program Advocacy

Background:

In the current national and local economic climate, the City of Long Beach needs to remain vigilant at seeking out new jobs for our community.

There are currently federal highway construction projects planned for our City and region, and with these projects comes thousands of new jobs. Due to current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) rules, local hiring provisions cannot be included in these projects if federal dollars are utilized. In March, the City Council voted to instruct staff to pursue waivers to FHWA rules, particularly for Port-related projects. This effort was unsuccessful, and a new approach to creating new jobs is necessary.

Currently, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is pursuing a jobs initiative for the Metropolitan Transportation Agency and City of Los Angeles. As part of this initiative, Mayor Villaraigosa is lobbying the federal government to allow local agencies to implement local hire programs for projects with more than a 50 percent non-federal match. This concept recognizes the federal restrictions on using federal funds for local hires, but asked that local governments be allowed to use the non-federal share to promote local jobs. This approach appears to be gaining momentum in Washington D.C. and provides an opportunity for Long Beach to advocate for more jobs.

Recommendation:

Respectfully request the City Manager to work with appropriate staff to advocate for our Long Beach workforce through changing local hiring provisions in FHWA projects.



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: *September 2, 2011*

To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk

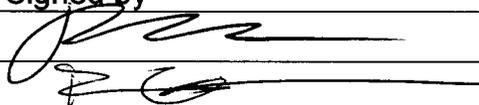
From: *Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell*

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of **September 6, 2011**

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
4	Patrick O'Donnell	
1	Robert Garcia	
7	James Johnson	