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Memorandum

Date: November 13, 2017

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

From: Amy J. Bodek, Director of Development Services *A. Bodek*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan**

On July 18, 2017, the City Council approved the 2018-2022 Five-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) and Fiscal Year 2018 Action Plan (AP) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and authorized its submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its review and approval. HUD approved the CP and AP on October 1, 2017.

Consistent with HUD's directives, the CP included Place-Based (PB) initiatives, that target limited CDBG resources to neighborhoods that are located within or adjacent to Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP), to address issues of disparities. A HUD-provided mapping tool using U.S. Census data and other relevant data-sets identified the R/ECAP areas. These areas were thoroughly analyzed in the City's Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), which was approved by City Council on December 13, 2016.

While the City Council approved submission of the CP and AP to HUD, the City Council also directed staff to bring back the HUD-approved document with an amendment to address concerns raised by Vice Mayor Richardson, regarding PB initiatives and their designation process; and by Councilmember Uranga, regarding investments within PB areas as well as CDBG area at large.

Staff met with Vice Mayor Richardson to discuss the R/ECAP and PB initiatives and with Councilmember Uranga to clarify CDBG investments within PB areas, as well as CDBG areas. During these two meetings, both Vice Mayor Richardson and Councilmember Uranga indicated that they do not seek to amend the CP and/or AP. As a result, an amendment will not be brought back for City Council consideration.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Amy J. Bodek, Director, at (562) 570-6428 or Amy.Bodek@longbeach.gov.

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