




Date: February 7, 2019
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Patrick H. West, City Manager 
Subject: Update on Street Performers, Low-Volume Music Venues, and Sound Studies

At its June 20, 2017 meeting, the City Council requested that the City Manager study the feasibility of allowing permitted outdoor street performing events with amplified sound in the Downtown Long Beach and surrounding neighborhoods, as well as examine and make recommendations for supporting street performers and low-volume music venues. At its April 17, 2018 meeting, the City Council also requested that staff conduct a Sound Study to determine the impact of outdoor events and entertainment.

The Development Services Department has been working with the consulting firm, RRM Design Group (RRM), to examine the City's General Plan Noise Element. The Special Events and Filming Office and other City departments have been working closely with RRM to develop a comprehensive Sound Study with recommended actions. To date, the consultant fees, City staff time, and travel related to the study are estimated at \$153,000.

The Special Events and Filming Office continues its work on these various studies and is currently waiting on the findings from the Sound Study to incorporate into the street performer and low-volume music venue studies to ensure continuity. After the Sound Study is completed and incorporated into the related studies, staff will report back to the City Council on recommended actions. Staff expects presenting an update on these studies within six months.

Thank you for your support and patience in this effort. Please contact Special Events and Filming Manager Tasha Day at (562) 570-5313 or via email at tasha.day@longbeach.gov with any questions.

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