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For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Upcoming Programming for Harvey Milk Park Knight Cities Challenge Grant Award**

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On April 12, 2016, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation (Foundation) named the City of Long Beach a winner of the Knight Cities Challenge. The Foundation will provide \$300,000 in grant funds to create the nation's first "Outdoor Office" in a City park, a concept now referred as the Harvey Milk Park Project Collaborative Space.

### **The Harvey Milk Park Project, Outdoor Collaborative Space**

The "Outdoor Collaborative" concept is part of the City's broader economic development efforts to connect people and institutions through more open, diverse, and inclusive public spaces for people to gather. December 2016 marked the beginning of an 18-month process of transforming Harvey Milk Promenade Park and Equality Plaza (Harvey Milk Park) into an outdoor public space that encourages collaboration, entrepreneurship, connectivity, as well as celebrate the legacy of Harvey Milk and leaders of the LGBTQ movement.

A series of events designed to activate the park will begin on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, and will last until the end of March. The series will include, among other things, "coffee" gatherings, educational sessions, and a re-creation of a Long Beach Debate Club. To view a full calendar of events, and find more information about them, please visit: <http://innovatelb.com/showcase/>.

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