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For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Long Beach Community Choice Aggregation Feasibility Study Status**

On December 10, 2019, staff brought a report to the City Council that evaluated the feasibility of the City of Long Beach (City) forming a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) entity. In that meeting, the City Council voted to lay over the subject of a CCA without a staff report and to bring the matter back in the first quarter of 2020. The City Council indicated that this layover was to allow councilmembers more time to digest the content of the staff report and the extensive feasibility report prepared by a respected industry expert.

Since December 2019, staff have continued to monitor the status of CCAs in California including regulatory and power market changes and remained engaged with its industry expert consultancy, MRW. In July 2020, staff directed MRW to provide an update on the interim substantive changes impacting CCAs, which includes changes in the retail electricity market, power procurement market conditions, and recent regulatory decisions. Staff will present this update on August 18th, in addition to the prior report.

Staff recently received requests from the City Council to present the full CCA presentation on August 18, 2020 and is prepared to do so. The full presentation will include a summary presentation of the original MRW Feasibility Study, and a review of the qualitative changes and updates in CCA since the feasibility study.

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