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To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Father Friendly Initiative: Baby Changing Stations**

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On June 19, 2018, the City Council received a report from the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department on the Father-Friendly Initiative (Initiative). The Initiative formally endorsed nine father-friendly principles and requested the creation of a plan to retrofit all existing public-facing City government buildings to include at least one safe, sanitary, and convenient baby changing station available to both men and women.

Public Works staff have carefully evaluated this request and estimates the cost to implement this request is approximately \$2,000 to \$4,000 per facility, plus an additional operations and maintenance budget appropriation of approximately \$100,000 to help ensure the installations remain safe and sanitary citywide. The cost includes the installation of one to two baby changing stations per facility. Pursuant to the requirements of AB 1127 (Baby Diaper Changing Stations), staff have been installing baby changing stations in all new public restrooms and major renovations of existing facilities. For example, Drake Chavez and Marina Vista Parks currently have new baby changing stations.

Public Works is currently conducting a Facilities Conditions Assessment (FCA), and staff will include the evaluation of baby changing stations to determine compliance and how to best address their inclusion. Regarding other City public restrooms, the City can either wait for those facilities to be renovated or rebuilt to install new baby changing stations, or the City Council can consider appropriating funds during the upcoming budget development process to proactively install these baby changing stations at existing City public restrooms. If this path is pursued, staff recommend that at least \$200,000 be initially allocated to both audit existing buildings and initiate the installation of these stations. The total cost to address this request will be known after an initial audit is completed.

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