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**New DLBA Q2 2021 Snapshot Report**

On Monday, August 2, the Downtown Long Beach Alliance (DLBA) released its Q2 2021 Snapshot Report. This report features a different sector of the Downtown real estate market. The Q2 2021 report features the Downtown office market, including inventory, vacancy rates, net absorption, leasing activity, pedestrian counts, and parking activity.

**ABOUT DLBA**

Downtown Long Beach’s (DTLB) first Business Improvement District (BID) was the Downtown Parking Based Improvement Area (PBIA) established in 1973 by business owners, while the second BID, the Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) was established in 1998 by commercial property owners and expanded to residential property owners in 2013. The Downtown Long Beach Alliance (DLBA) manages both BIDs, which has resulted in a more connected, safer and vibrant DTLB. The DLBA is a non-profit community-based organization whose mission is to cultivate, preserve, and promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous Downtown. By balancing the interests of residents, as well as businesses, the DLBA creates tangible progress by way of vested interest and solidified partnerships across local, municipal and commercial lines. (From DLBA).

To find out more about DLBA, please visit their [website](#).

**The Long Beach Recovery Act**

On March 16, 2021, the Long Beach City Council unanimously approved the Long Beach Recovery Act, an estimated $235 million in federal, State, and county relief funding to address the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Long Beach. The Council report and presentation provide an overview of the relief funding the City anticipates receiving and the three major pillars of the Long Beach Recovery Plan: Economic Recovery, Healthy and Safe Community, and Securing Our City’s Future.

The Budget Oversight Committee presented the 2022 Proposed Budget for the Long Beach Recovery Act programming and funding on August 3. This presentation touched on the areas of investment, advancing equity and collective impact through recovery, funding sources, compliance and staffing.

For more information about the Long Beach Recovery act, please visit the City’s [website](#).
Congratualtions and Fond Farewell

Sergio Ramirez, Deputy Director, Economic Development, will be leaving the City of Long Beach on August 5, 2021. Mr. Ramirez has been in the role of Deputy Director since 2017 and has assisted Director John Keisler through various projects and milestones during his tenure with the City. He has promoted the City’s relationships with key stakeholders in the community as well as contributed to the growth and development of the City through his partnerships with developers.

“Over the past four years, the Economic Development Department has made a tremendous impact on the City of Long Beach and beyond. Sergio has been an incredible force for good and has left a lasting impact on both the skyline as well as the community of Long Beach that will only grow over time. We are so grateful for his time on our leadership team but also for his next opportunity as the Director of Economic Development for another major city in the region. I am sure that we will miss Sergio’s vision, enthusiasm, and optimism but that we will continue to collaborate and shape the future of the region together in his new role.” (Director, John Keisler)

Mr. Ramirez will be starting his new position as Director of Economic Development with the City of Anaheim later in August. Please join us in wishing him the best in his new career!

Storefront Reopening and Board-Up Removal Program

On March 16, 2021, the City Council approved a recommendation as part of the Proposed Long Beach Recovery Act to fund a Storefront Reopening and Board-Up Removal program. This program will provide for a grant to business owners and property for the removal and haul-away costs for up to 30 pieces of plywood per location. The grant will cover all businesses that have put up boards covering window storefront in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, state and local health orders, and/or civil unrest in the City of Long Beach.

The Storefront Reopening and Board-Up Removal Program Grant is part of the Long Beach Recovery Act. This grant provides between $100 to $600 (maximum) per location towards the removal of plywood board-ups. The City, through its contract with“on-call” property management consultants will conduct work related to the removal, haul away and disposal of window/storefront coverings (plywood).

For information about applying for this grant and eligibility requirements, please see visit the program’s website.
2019 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle

Every three years, the State adopts new codes (known collectively as the California Building Standards Code) to establish uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of buildings, electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems. Sections 17922, 17958 and 18941.5 of the California Health and Safety Code require that the latest edition of the California Building Standards Code apply to local construction 180 days after publication.

Beginning on July 1, 2021, Long Beach Development Services is required by State law to enforce the 2019 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle approved by the California Building Standards Commission that amended the 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (also known as Title 24 of the California Codes of Regulations). All projects submitted on or before December 31, 2019, are permitted to comply with the 2016 Edition of the California Building Standards Code.

For more information, please visit the Long Beach Building Standards Code website.

Industry Links

Hotel sales in California “completely rebound” from 2020 levels
Biden to approve new, targeted eviction ban as landlords plead for rent relief
Nearly 10M sf of LA industrial space leased in Q2

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