



## CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**Item No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL NO. 231 (HERTZBERG)  
AND LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**MEETING DATE:** April 4, 2017

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Senate Bill No. 231, as requested by the Los Angeles County Public Health Department, as well as a letter of support for the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Exide matter).

### **BACKGROUND:**

#### **Support of County Grant Application to HUD for lead control (Exide matters)**

The Los Angeles County Public Health Department requested a letter of support for the County of Los Angeles' grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to target the communities and cities affected by Exide for comprehensive lead control in eligible privately-owned, rental or co-owner occupied housing. With the help of this grant about 150 units will be targeted that meet federal eligibility requirements.

On March 16, 2017, at the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department's request, staff sent the Mayor's letter of support to Ben Carson of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

At this time, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to formalize the City's support for the grant.

#### **Support for SB 231 (Herzberg) Sustainable Local agency Funding**

Ken Farfing, Carson City Manager, has requested a letter in support of the legislation authored by Senator Hertzberg that would permit cities to form storm water utilities, similar

to the municipal utilities of water, sanitary sewer and refuse. SB 231 mirrors legislation the Senator introduced last year, which a number of cities supported.

Senator Hertzberg recognizes that the cities require a number of funding strategies to implement their storm water programs. The formation of a storm water utility would be one of these strategies and is totally voluntary on the part of a community.

The bill would allow cities the ability to form storm water utilities and rely upon the "notice and protest" hearing process to adopt storm water fees. Without SB 231, cities must follow a convoluted process of adopting storm water fees, including both a notice and protest hearing and a majority land owner vote or supermajority electorate vote.

At this time, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to formalize the City's position on SB 231.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign both letters of support; or
2. Provide staff with further direction.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with authorizing the Mayor to sign the letters of support.

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