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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Request to extend the ninety-day time limit for Commission action on City of Huntington Beach LCP Amendment Request No. 1-10 (Downtown Specific Plan Update) (for Commission Action at the May 12-14, 2010 hearing in Santa Cruz).

On February 17, 2010, the City of Huntington Beach submitted a request to amend its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP), effecting both the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Implementation Plan (IP). The proposed LUP amendment proposes to make modifications to the certified LUP to reflect the changes in land use and development standards proposed in the revised Downtown Specific Plan. The proposed IP amendment would replace the existing, certified Downtown Specific Plan with a revised and updated Downtown Specific Plan.

Upon receipt of requested additional information, on April 1, 2010, the Executive Director determined that LCP Amendment request No. 1-10 was in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of the Coastal Act and the California Code of Regulations. Therefore, LCP Amendment request No. 1-10 is deemed complete pursuant to the requirements of Section 30510 of the Coastal Act.

Pursuant to Sections 30512 and 30514 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to the LUP portion of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within ninety days of a complete submittal. The 90th day after the City's filing of the complete submittal is June 30, 2010. In order to be heard within this time frame, the LCP amendment would need to be scheduled for the Commission's June 9-11, 2010 meeting.

However, this deadline may be extended for good cause. Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 30517 allows the Commission to extend any time limitation established by Chapter 6 of Division 20 of the PRC, wherein lies Sections 30512 and 30514, for up to a year. Staff is recommending that the Commission extend the ninety-day time limit for the review of the LCP amendment request. The time extension would allow for a thorough review of the City's proposed changes.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission extend the deadline for Commission action for one year (i.e. to June 30, 2011).

MOTION: I move that the Commission extend the ninety-day time limit to act on the City of Huntington Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 1-10 for a period of one year.

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present is needed to pass the motion.