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TO: Commissioners and Interested Persons

**Th16a**FROM: John Ainsworth, Deputy Director  
Gary Timm, Los Angeles County Area Supervisor  
Charles Posner, Coastal Program AnalystRE: **Request to extend the time limit for Commission action on City of Long Beach LCP Amendment Request No. LOB-MAJ-09-02 (for Commission Action at its October 8, 2009 meeting in Oceanside).**

On August 12, 2009, the Commission's South Coast District office in Long Beach received a request from the City of Long Beach to amend its certified Local Coastal Program (LCP) in order to amend the implementing ordinances for the Downtown Shoreline area (PD-6) in order to allow a second hotel to be built in Subarea 5. Proposed LCP Amendment Request No. LOB-MAJ-09-02, submitted with City Council Resolution No. RES-09-0072, and contained in City Council Ordinance No. ORD-09-0023, would affect only the Implementing Ordinances (LIP) portion of the certified LCP. The Executive Director has determined that this LCP Amendment Request is in proper order and legally adequate to comply with the submittal requirements of Section 30510 of the Coastal Act and Section 13553 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 14).

Pursuant to Section 30512 of the Coastal Act, an LCP amendment that includes changes to the LIP portion of a certified LCP must be scheduled for a public hearing and the Commission must take action within sixty days of receipt of a complete submittal. The sixtieth day after the City's filing of the submittal is October 11, 2009. In order to be heard within this time frame, the LCP amendment would have to be scheduled for the Commission's October 2009 meeting. Coastal Act Section 30517 and Section 13535(c) of the Coastal Commission Regulations state that the Commission may extend for good cause the sixty-day time limit for a period not to exceed one year. Because of workload and scheduling constraints, staff is recommending that the Commission extend the time limit for the review of the LCP amendment request. The time extension would allow for a thorough review of the City's proposal at a future Commission meeting in Southern California, possibly at the same meeting where the related coastal development permit amendment application for the proposed hotel project in Subarea 5 of PD-6 (Downtown Shoreline Area) will be considered.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission extend the deadline for Commission action for one year.

**MOTION:** *"I move that the Commission extend the time limit to act on City of Long Beach Local Coastal Program Amendment No. LOB-MAJ-09-02 for a period of one year."*

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