

DATE ISSUED: July 15, 2005

REPORT NO. 05-160

ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Agenda of July 20, 2005

SUBJECT: Redevelopment Agency Organization Assessment Work Plan

SUMMARY

Issues:

1. Should the City Council accept the Redevelopment Agency draft work plan and direct the City Manager to move forward with the plan?

Manager's Recommendations:

1. Accept the draft work plan and direct the City Manager to move forward with the plan.

Fiscal Impact – There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. Upon completion of the actions listed in the plan, a report that includes options and the costs associated, will be provided for consideration.

BACKGROUND

The City Manager's "Recent Updates" section of the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Proposal (Volume 1, page 28) included a recommendation to transfer of the City's Redevelopment Agency to an agency outside the City. After additional consideration, this recommendation was proposed to be implemented in two Phases. Phase I, the budgetary element, entails isolating the costs and revenues currently associated with the Agency by creating a Special Fund to deposit tax increment dollars currently used to fund Agency staff, projects and other administrative costs. Phase II, the policy discussion and decision, entails a comprehensive review of potential options and impacts of an Agency transfer. This two phased approach was adopted by City Council at the June 14, 2005 Council meeting.

DISCUSSION

During the June 14, 2005 City Council meeting, Councilmember Toni Atkins distributed a memorandum from herself and Councilmember Anthony Young regarding the future of the Community & Economic Development Department (CED) and Redevelopment in the City of San Diego. The memo proposes that the City Council direct the City Manager to maintain CED as it is currently structured for the first six months of the fiscal year and the Council, through the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee (PS&NS) guide a planning process, which includes a range of stake holders, for the restructuring of the Department's functions. City Council adopted this recommendation. A copy of the memo is included as Attachment 1.

In response to this direction, a draft work plan has been developed and is submitted for review and approval. The plan outlines the process to conduct a comprehensive review and study of Mayor and City Council priorities, other City/Agency practices, stakeholder input, legal considerations, management/personnel considerations and existing contracts and MOUs. The plan includes timelines, a progress report and a final report being submitted with restructuring alternatives, advantages/disadvantages, and financial impacts to PS&NS by the end of the calendar year. The draft work plan is included as Attachment 2.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not direct the City Manager to move forward with the draft work plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Attachments: [1. Memorandum dated June 13, 2005 from Councilmembers Toni Atkins and Anthony Young](#)
- [2. Redevelopment Agency Reorganization Alternatives Draft Work Plan.](#)