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Listen Up, Long Beach; Get Involved in City's Noise Element Update Process

The public is invited to collaborate with the City of Long Beach in updating the Noise Element, a mandatory component of the City's General Plan, by utilizing an interactive, easy-to-use, Noise Element Update Map Tool (Map Tool).

"It's extremely important for everyone to get involved in the City's Noise Element update process," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "This crucial initiative will have a major impact on protecting the everyday environment, and ensuring the quality of life of residents, workers, and visitors in Long Beach."

The Map Tool enables residents and stakeholders to share input on noise concerns in Long Beach neighborhoods by posting location-based photos and leaving comments online either by computer or smartphone. To access the Map Tool, visit: www.lbds.info/noise_element_update. The public is also encouraged to submit comments on Facebook and Twitter using #ListenUpLB.

The project's extensive public outreach component also includes a series of community meetings and focus groups that will be held over the one-year update period.

The Noise Element provides a policy framework for the noise environment in Long Beach, and identifies and addresses noise concerns from a variety of sources in the community: including transportation, construction, industrial, commercial operations, and population noise.

The proposed update to the Noise Element will replace the existing 1975 document, and establish a set of guidelines and implementation measures to limit

noise exposure and control unnecessary, excessive noise and vibration, particularly near housing, hospitals, and schools.

A Planning Commission Study Session for the Noise Element update will be held on Thursday, April 20, at 5:00 pm in the City Council Chambers in Long Beach City Hall, 333 West Ocean Blvd. The Study Session will feature a presentation of the Noise Element update study scope and work plan. No formal action will be taken by the Planning Commission at this meeting.

For additional information on the Noise Element update, contact Christopher Koontz at 562.570.6288 or christopher.koontz@longbeach.gov.

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