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SUBJECT: CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Dear Planning Commission Chair Bixby:

As you are aware, the City of Huntington Beach is launching an update of its General Plan, which was last comprehensively updated in 1996. On October 7th the City Council approved the scope of work for the General Plan update, and on November 4th the City Council approved the organizational structure for the advisory committee and task forces that will be instrumental in providing feedback and input for the update process.

Pursuant to City Council direction, we would like to invite representatives of the Planning Commission to participate in the following:

General Plan Advisory Committee – 1 member and 1 alternate
Circulation Task Force – 1 member
Sea Level Rise & Coastal Resiliency Task Force – 1 member and 1 alternate
Sustainability Task Force – 1 member and 1 alternate

The specific duties are as follows:

Committee: General Plan Advisory Committee – 12 members (plus alternates)

Purpose: Provide input on overall General Plan update

Duties: Attend approximately seven meetings on the following topics: project kickoff, community vision, key issues, task force reports, key policy approaches, land use and circulation alternatives, draft General Plan and Sustainability Action Plan. Meetings will be approximately two to four hours in length. Note that we will ask that you review all materials, which will be provided, in advance of our meeting and thus there will be preparation time required as well.

Timeframe: January 2014 - April 2015

Members: 7 Council-appointed members, Chamber of Commerce, Community Services Commission, Environmental Board, Planning Commission, Public Works Commission

Alternates: Please provide an alternate for this Committee

Task Force: Circulation – 6 members
Purpose: Provide input on recently updated General Plan Circulation Element goals and policies
Duties: Review and comment on existing General Plan goals and policies; attend one task force meeting approximately two to four hours in length. Note that we will ask that you review all materials, which will be provided, in advance of our meeting and thus there will be preparation time required as well.
Timeframe: March or April 2014
Members: Chamber of Commerce, Community Services Commission, Environmental Board, Marketing and Visitors Bureau, Planning Commission, Public Works Commission

Task Force: Sea Level Rise & Coastal Resiliency Plan – 10 members
Purpose: Provide input on analysis and goals, policies and implementation aspects of the Coastal Resiliency Plan
Duties: Attend two to three task force meetings approximately two to four hours in length; review reports and provide input on policies and priorities for addressing sea level rise. Note that we will ask that you review all materials, which will be provided, in advance of our meeting and thus there will be preparation time required as well.
Timeframe: March 2014 – April 2015
Members: Environmental Board, Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, Huntington Harbour Property Owners Association, Marketing and Visitors Bureau, Orange County Sanitation District, Planning Commission, Public Works Commission, Robert Mayer Corporation, Southeast HB Neighborhood Association, Sunset Beach Community Association
Alternates: Please provide an alternate for this Task Force

Task Force: Sustainability – 9 members
Purpose: Provide input on analysis and goals, policies and implementation aspects of the Sustainability Action Plan.
Duties: Attend two to three task force meetings approximately two to four hours in length; review reports and provide input on policies and priorities for improving sustainability in the city. Note that we will ask that you review all materials, which will be provided, in advance of our meeting and thus there will be preparation time required as well.
Timeframe: March 2014 – March 2015
Members: The Boeing Company, Small Business Representative, Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Board, Marketing and Visitors Bureau, Orange County Sanitation District, Planning Commission, Public Works Commission, Robert Mayer Corporation
Alternate: Please provide an alternate for this Task Force

Please note that participation is in a volunteer capacity and that no compensation will be provided to Advisory Committee or Task Force members.

Our goal is to have all committee and task force members identified by early January 2014. Therefore, please provide the Planning Commission assignments to me by December 16th.

Both Sea Level Rise & Coastal Resiliency Plan and Sustainability Task Force members and alternates are requested to complete the attached questionnaire, which should also be submitted by December 16th. A three-member City Council committee will review the completed questionnaires prior to finalizing Task Force assignments.

The General Plan Update process will include open houses, workshops, work sessions with the Planning Commission and City Council and other topic specific task forces. All of these meetings will be open to the public and the Planning Commission will be notified of all such outreach activities.

We look forward to the Planning Commission's contributions to the General Plan Update. Should you have any questions, please call me at 714-536-5550.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Hess, AICP, Director of Planning and Building

Attachment: Questionnaire



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE TASK FORCE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name: _____

2. Huntington Beach Address (Circle One): Business or Home

3. Task Force Interested In (Circle One): Market Trends
Sea Level Rise & Coastal Resiliency
Sustainability

4. Please describe how your experience and/or education would contribute to the Task Force:

5. What are the greatest challenges and/or opportunities facing the City relative to the issues pertinent to the circled Task Force:

Please return this questionnaire, along with your contact information, to the attention of Mary Beth Broeren, Planning and Building Department, City of Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or mbroeren@surfcity-hb.org by December 16, 2013. Questions may be directed to Ms. Broeren at 714-536-5550 or via email.

Thank you for your interest in serving the City of Huntington Beach.