**REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WORK PLAN AND PRIORITIES** 



### **BACKGROUND**

 August 24, 2021 – City Council directed staff to add a Work Plan item to study long-term outdoor business and dining uses in the public right-of-way and private property

 December 21, 2021 – City Council inquired about prioritizing this item in the Work Plan



### **DISCUSSION**

 Department's Work Plan items are a direct response to State regulation or to rectify a deficiency

 City and staff are obligated to complete existing Work Plan items in a timely manner



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#### A

Housing Policy and Regulation Updates

Climate Resiliency Program

Triennial Building Code Update (New for 2022) B

Code Enforcement Review

Environmental Sustainability Work Plan

Long-Term Outdoor Dining and Business Uses (New for 2022)

Historic Preservation Ordinance Update (Reinstated for 2022) C

Modernize Parking Standards

Wireless Telecommunications Program

#### SECONDARY/NON-WORK PLAN ITEMS

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# Work Plan Items Supporting Role

Document Management
Systems

Contract Management
Systems

Agenda Management
Solutions

Park Master Plan

Arts Program

Historic Resources

Scout House Project

Technology Upgrades

#### Non-Work Plan Requests

**Energy Efficiency** 

Low-Impact Development

Regulation of "Unique Pets" (Bees, Chickens, Pigs)

EIR Comment Letter for LAX

Expansion

Review of Historic Preservation Ordinance

Brand-Huang-Mendoza
Initiative Support Resolution

SB 9 Interim Ordinance

#### Pending/In-Progress Items

Long-Term Outdoor

Dining

Energy Efficiency Requirements in Municipal Facilities

Sustainability Task Force

Community
Development Work
Plan Priorities



### **RESOURCES NEEDED**

- Internal City team generally led by a senior-level Planner or Planning Manager
  - Outreach/community Input
  - Managing a task force or subcommittee
  - Facilitating discussions/forming consensus
  - Environmental review
  - Coordination/compliance with Coastal Act
  - Implementation program
- Many government agencies use outside professional expertise
- The use of in-house staff can be more efficient



## RESOURCES NEEDED

- Planning Division: one Manager, four full-time Planners, two part-time interns, one Office Assistant
- Involved in 8 of the Department's 12 Work Plan items, and oversees City compliance with the General Plan, zoning, and Local Coastal Program

#### <u>Daily Operational Demands</u>

Customer Inquiries

Development Requests

Building Plan Review

Encroachments

Tree Protection

#### Regular Tasks

130 Planning Applications

3,600 Building Plan Reviews

10,000 Phone Calls

Counter Service

Planning Commission Meetings



### RESOURCES NEEDED

 Daily workload exceeds ability to meet expected turnaround times

- Additional resources are needed to support the Long-Term Outdoor Dining and Business Use Work Plan item
  - Outside professional expertise
  - In-house staff resources



### **POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

- Alternative 1: No Changes to the Work Plan Priorities
- Alternative 2a: Accelerate the Long-Term Dining and Business Use Work Plan Item to Priority A, By Using Contracted Professional Staff
- Alternative 2b: Accelerate the Long-Term
   Dining and Business Use Work Plan Item to
   Priority A, By Adding In-House Staff Resources

