

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Economic Development

**AGENDA DATE:** February 16, 2010

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Kathy Dodson, PhD, Director 541-4670

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

Formal report of the Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life and Tourism Legislative Review Committee meeting held on January 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. as submitted by City Representative Steve Ortega, Chair. [Economic Development, Kathryn B. Dodson, (915) 541-4872]

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Report to the Mayor and Council of the Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life and Tourism Legislative Review Committee meeting held on January 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

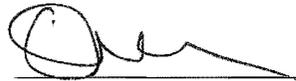
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**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Action Report**

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**Committee:** Economic and Community Development,  
Quality of Life and Tourism

**Members:** City Representative Steve Ortega (Chair)  
City Representative Emma Acosta  
City Representative Eddie Holguin (absent)  
City Representative Ann Lilly

**Staff Assignee:** Kathryn Dodson, Ph.D., Director – Economic Development

**Date of Meeting:** January 21, 2009 – 9:00 p.m.

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1. Discussion and action on creation of Multi-Family Housing Green Building Grant Program. (All Districts)

[Economic Development, Kathryn B. Dodson, (915) 541-4872]

*Summary:*

Using Palo Verde Performance Awards from the El Paso Electric Company which are to be dedicated to pay for demand-side management programs, Kathy Dodson recommended the creation of a Multi-Family Green Building Program to provide for the increase in the number of sustainable multi-family housing buildings within the City of El Paso. The Grant Program will award \$100 for every multi-family unit constructed certified by ANSI's National Green Buildings Standard™. The award will be available for 4,000 units on a first come, first serve basis for a total of \$400,000.

*Action Taken:*

The LRC voted to approve the creation of the Multi-Family green Building Grant Program.

2. Discussion and action on revisions to the eligibility requirements under the City's existing Green Building Grant Program. (All Districts)

[Economic Development, Kathryn B. Dodson, (915) 541-4872]

*Summary:*

It is was recommended by Kathy Dodson that the current Green Building Grant Program be amended to allow a reduction of the minimum square footage requirement for construction, renovation, or remodeling of a project building to 5,000 square feet when the Program participant will be investing over five million dollars as a total investment for the project; in all other circumstances the minimum square footage requirement for grant eligibility shall remain at 15,000 square feet.

*Action Taken:*

The LRC approved amending the Green Building Grant Program to allow for the recommended change.

3. Discussion and action to provide direction regarding possible items for either the City's 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda or the City's 2011 State Legislative Agenda.  
**(All Districts)**

[City Attorney's Office, Taylor Moreno, (915) 541-4304]

*Summary:*

Taylor Moreno presented items for City's 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda and City's 2011 State Legislative Agenda and recommended language be included stating the City of El Paso supports the passage of legislation that increases opportunities for locally-owned businesses to participate in more government contracting opportunities. Following were questions regarding the possibility of working with other communities for projects and possible incentives for renewable energy. Goal is for final recommended items to be brought to City Council on February 23, 2010 for approval.

*Action Taken:*

The LRC voted to approve items for City's 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda and City's 2011 State Legislative Agenda.

**SUBMITTED BY:**



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City Representative Steve Ortega, District 7  
Chair, Economic and Community Development, Quality of Life  
and Tourism



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Kathryn Dodson, Ph.D., Director  
Economic Development