



Agenda Item # _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Sherilyn Lombos, Deputy City Manager

DATE: April 18, 2006

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Request from Councilmember Aldinger to Support Assembly Bill 2329 Requiring Separate Statistical Districts for the South Bay Cities and Harbor Area within Los Angeles County

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider a request from Councilmember Aldinger to support AB 2329 which would require separating the South Bay cities and the Harbor area from the rest of Los Angeles County for the purposes of gathering statistical data.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no costs associated with the recommendation.

DISCUSSION:

Attached are two documents with information regarding AB 2329, authored by Oropeza. This bill would require any state agency or department that develops and maintains data and statistics at the municipal level to make a separate breakdown of the South Bay cities and Harbor area with Los Angeles County.

Attachments: A. Assembly Bill 2329 as Amended in Assembly on April 6, 2006
B. Fact Sheet Regarding AB 2329 from Assemblymember Oropeza's Office

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 6, 2006

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2329

Introduced by Assembly Member Oropeza

February 22, 2006

An act to add Section 11093.7 to the Government Code, relating to statistical districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2329, as amended, Oropeza. Statistical districts: South Bay Cities and Harbor area within the County of Los Angeles.

Existing law requires any state agency or department that develops and maintains data and statistics at the municipal level, to make a separate breakdown of the San Fernando Valley, as described, in the preparation and maintenance of any statistical analyses by city.

This bill would require *specified state agencies and departments to prepare and maintain* a separate breakdown of the South Bay Cities and Harbor area within the County of Los Angeles, as described.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11093.7 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:
3 11093.7. ~~Any state agency or department that develops and~~
4 ~~maintains data and statistics with respect to municipalities, shall,~~
5 *The Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development*
6 *Department, Department of Industrial Relations, Department of*

1 *Finance, Department of Housing and Community Development,*
2 *Department of Real Estate, California Housing Finance Agency,*
3 *Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation,*
4 *Department of General Services, and Department of Fair*
5 *Employment and Housing, shall, in the preparation and*
6 *maintenance of any statistical analyses of cities, either by*
7 *population, fiscal, or other bases, prepare and maintain a separate*
8 *statistical analysis with respect to the South Bay Cities and*
9 *Harbor area within the County of Los Angeles.*

10 The South Bay Cities and Harbor area is comprised of the
11 Cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Harbor City, Hawthorne,
12 Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan
13 Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo
14 Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, San Pedro, Torrance,
15 Willmington, the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County
16 that includes El Camino Village, Del Aire, Lennox, and the
17 unincorporated area of Los Angeles County that is bordered by
18 Harbor Gateway, Harbor City, and Carson.

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SOUTH BAY STATISTICAL DATA

PROBLEM

Security. The post 9/11 environment has made it a national priority to safeguard all citizens, infrastructure and commerce. The South Bay Cities and Harbor area of Los Angeles County have a unique combination of providing security along one of the world's largest and busiest dual port facilities: the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. It is imperative that local and state governments work collaboratively to ensure the most creative and intuitive models are in place to ensure that this region's statistical data is aggregated separately from the wider Los Angeles County region in order for homeland security funding is properly allocated to provide maximum impact at this high security region.

Infrastructure and Economic Planning.

Goods movement is critical to the economic health of the South Bay region unlike any other in the greater Los Angeles County area. Maintaining goods movement corridors from the twin ports through central Los Angeles and along the infamously overcrowded highway system of southern California is a key element to the region's security, economy, and environmental impact. In order to address growing goods movement, security, environmental and infrastructure development concerns, regional planners need the state to collect and maintain a specific data category that reflects the reality of the South Bay Cities and Harbor

area. Current data at the state level is accumulated for all of Los Angeles County, which skews regional planning initiatives.

EXISTING LAW

Current law requires various state Boards, Departments and Agencies that development and maintain data on the municipal level, to make a separate breakdown of the San Fernando Valley (AB 2207 of 2001) and require the City of Los to provide necessary data in this regard. Current law also provide similar requirements for the Antelope Valley (SB 588 of 2005).

THIS BILL

AB 2329 would require the Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Department of Industrial Relations, Department of Finance, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Real Estate, California Housing Finance Agency, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation, Department of General Services, and the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to prepare and maintain a separate statistical analysis with respect to the South Bay Cities and Harbor area within the County of Los Angeles.

Background

Employment within the South Bay is substantially different from that of the

county or the Southern California region. Aerospace and defense manufacturers dominate manufacturing employment in the S. Bay. The location of the S. Bay, with its close proximity to Los Angeles International Airport and the twin ports of the San Pedro Bay, position the S. Bay in a unique position; trade and manufacturing are highly reliant on the ports, the major rail artery out of the S. Bay (the Alameda Corridor) and the I-710 (Long Beach Freeway). Any diminishing of an industry, as experienced in the early 1990's with the loss of military aerospace industry, disproportionately affects the S. Bay region. Future development, especially around the highly industrialized port area, creates an additional hurdle to leap. As California begins to review its past experience with redevelop agencies, tax-increment financing projects, and the potential ramification of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling under Kelso v. New London (2005), the S. Bay region is concerned that current redevelopment models will become antiquated. As such, the region is seeking new approaches to secure its economic future. The fear exists that unless the region utilizes every tool available, critical opportunities for obtaining important funding sources such a Homeland Security Block Grants, State Emergency Preparedness Funding, State school facilities funds, and monies available through proposed infrastructure bond initiatives will be lost. Therefore, AB 2329 represents the region's attempts to ensure that information compiled by specific state agencies identify the S. Bay as a unique and vulnerable submetropolis of the larger Los

Angeles County area and aggregate the S. Bay's data separately from the County data, which would otherwise skew such data to the regions detriment.

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