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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: February 8, 2012

SUBJECT: **REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE REGARDING A STATUS REPORT AND UPDATE ON RECENT BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE WATSON RICE STUDY, THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE, AND OTHER RECENT INITIATIVES AND CHANGES UNDERTAKEN BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Refer the matter to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee for discussion.

BACKGROUND

The Administration recommends that the above referenced item be referred to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee ("Committee") to allow for a report from the City Manager and the Building Department's new Director, Stephen Scott. The purpose of the report will be to update the Committee on recent developments in the Department, including the Director's work plan for the coming year, a presentation of recent initiatives and improvements, and a discussion of changes made in response to the Watson Rice study. Given the critical role that the Building Department plays in the City's overall economic vitality and well being, and rapid and ongoing changes in the Department, the Administration believes that such a report would allow for discussion and feedback from the Committee and the City Commission regarding the Department.

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