

# Agenda Item Number 11.

## Climate of Prosperity Task Force Report

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**Action Recommended:** Discussion and Direction to Staff

### **Background:**

The Board's Task Force for "Creating a Climate of Prosperity" met on March 31. Attendance by both Board members and the "key persons," recruited to provide expertise in the three identified issue areas was nearly 100 percent. The three subcommittees met individually on the 31<sup>st</sup> to develop their recommendations, and two have subsequently held a second meeting. The results of the three subcommittees' work are reflected in the attached report.

The Board's challenge under this agenda item will be to consider the recommended steps recommended by the subcommittee's and, if possible this month, to give direction to the staff. As a probably unnecessary reminder, the Board is encouraged to focus on those recommendations that are most appropriate for LCOG's attention (as opposed to some other body) and that promise a genuine enhancement of the well being of the regional community—"creating a Climate of Prosperity." An additional reminder relates to resources or the lack thereof. As an organization, LCOG is large enough to have some flexibility to respond to changing circumstances and policy directions. It is an important part of the COG's role. But the pursuit of costly ventures, no matter how promising, will require some thoughtful consideration. Please know that saying this is in no way intended to "throw cold water" on a planning effort that has engaged the Board's attention for over a year. Good things can and will be accomplished as a result of the time and effort that have been applied to determining how this organization can have the most positive impact on bringing about improvements to this region.

The attention, creativity and work by the members of the Task Force are greatly appreciated.