CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE POSEY, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2019

SUBJECT: **DIRECTING STAFF TO DEVELOP UPDATES TO THE CITY'S ANNUAL BEACH PARKING PASS PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR REDUCED- FEE DISABLED PASSES**

BACKGROUND
Currently, the City coordinates a Beach Parking Pass program. Through that initiative, individuals who purchase a Beach Parking Pass are allowed to park, at no additional cost, in the following City facilities:

- All beach parking lots from Beach Boulevard to the Pier
- The Pier Plaza "Pay & Display" lots
- Metered parking lots between Goldenwest Street and Seapoint Street
- Metered parking spaces along Pacific Coast Highway
- The parking lot adjacent to the Warner Avenue Fire Station where the boat ramp is located
- The Main Promenade Parking Structure at 200 Main Street

Of note, there also several current program restrictions, including:

- The Beach Parking Pass does not allow for parking in the Strand Parking Structure
- Passes are not valid for on-street parking between 10:30 pm and 5:00 am
- Beach Parking Passes are only available for vehicles that are less than 20 feet in length

Pursuant to the City's current fee schedule, Disabled Beach Parking Passes currently cost $75.00 / year ($6.25 / month). Historically, the City has at times provided Disabled Beach Parking Passes at no cost, and I am requesting that the City Council consider directing staff to research possible program modifications that would result in Beach Parking Passes being made available at minimal to no-cost for our disabled residents.

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Based on my assessment of this overall situation, I am requesting that the City Council vote to direct staff to analyze and bring back in Q1-2020 modifications to the Beach Parking Pass program that would result in disabled residents being able to acquire no-cost or low-cost disabled Beach Parking Passes for formal City Council consideration.