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## TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Memorandum

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**SUBJECT: SEE BELOW** 

**DATE:** November 6, 2019

Approved Date

## SUBJECT: UPDATE TO THE AUGUST - DECEMBER 2019 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the following change to the August - December 2019 Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan to drop the following item from November 18, 2019:

**City Council Policy Priority #6: Soft Story Retrofit Program Update** (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

**Purpose:** Provide an update on the Soft Story Retrofit Program following the FEMA grant award notification in summer 2019.

## **BACKGROUND**

Staff requests to drop this item from the November 18, 2019, Community and Economic Development Committee meeting. This work is dependent upon award of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Program Grant (HMPG). Staff has yet to receive final word on the grant award and therefore is not able to move forward with the work plan.

The work plan includes developing a practical retrofit program, including various options for possible incentives. A portion of the grant will be used to procure a consultant to analyze and make detailed recommendations on the key elements and to develop the most effective way to implement a mandatory seismic retrofit program.

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On April 22, 2019, staff provided an update on the Soft Story Retrofit Program to the CED Committee, including the submittal of the HMPG application. At that time, it was anticipated that the City would receive notification of approved funding in June or July 2019. However, due to FEMA's focus on wildfires throughout the State, review of the grant applications and final awards have not been made. According to staff of the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), there is no definitive information regarding the approval timeline from FEMA at this point. Staff will continue to follow up with Cal OES staff and this item is scheduled to be included in the January - June 2020 Community and Economic Development Committee Work Plan.

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