Impact Statement for Requested Council Action

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title:	Extend to December 31, 2016, the Council-approved Corporate Securities
	Do-Not-Buy List (Resolution).
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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

In October 2013, Council adopted a resolution directing the City Treasurer to not directly invest additional cash assets in Wal-Mart securities. Council extended that resolution through December 31, 2015.

In September 2015, Council adopted a resolution directing the City Treasurer to not directly invest additional cash assets in the securities of the top 200 oil and gas and coal companies included on the Carbon Underground 200 2015 list. That resolution expires December 31, 2015, unless extended by Council.

This resolution extends to December 31, 2016, the direction to the City Treasurer to not directly invest additional cash assets in Wal-Mart securities or the top 200 oil and gas and coal companies.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This resolution extends the existing Do-Not-Buy List for one additional year, and therefore this resolution does not have any additional financial and budgetary impacts.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Extending the City's Corporate Securities Do-Not-Buy List, which includes Wal-Mart and 200 fossil fuel companies, reflects the Council's sense that these companies' practices do not, on balance, align with the principles established by Council. These principles are:

- Environmental concerns
- Health concerns including weapons production
- Concerns about abusive labor practices
- Concerns about corrupt corporate ethics and governance
- Concerns about extreme tax avoidance
- Concerns about exercise of such a level of market dominance so as to disrupt normal competitive market forces
- Concerns about human rights

In December 2014, Council adopted a resolution creating the Socially Responsible Investments Committee charged with recommending to Council the corporate issuers in which the City shall not directly invest its cash assets. In July 2015, Council adopted a resolution appointing seven volunteer public members to the Committee, and since then the Committee has held three meetings and is working diligently to develop a process and work plan to fulfill its charge. Since Council did not appoint members until July 2015, the Committee will provide its first recommendation and explanatory report to Council by October 1, 2016.

Does this action change appropriations?

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