City of West Hollywood Economic Hardship Package

	RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED	
Entertainment	Allow DJ's as ambient music in restaurants without requiring a minor conditional use permit. Businesses are still required to obtain an entertainment license for DJs	As of April 6, 2009
Entertainment	Allow promoters to operate under a single permit, rather than requiring a permit for each location in which they work.	As of April 20, 2009
Marketing	The West Hollywood Marketing and Visitors Bureau (MVB) will conduct business presentations to promote marketing services available to businesses.	April/May 2009 For more information contact the MVB at 310-289-2525
Filming	In collaboration with PIO, the WHMVB will develop marketing and promotional information to encourage filming. On April 19, 2010 the City Council approved the establishment of a pilot project to create two new film permit categories to reduce film fees for low-impact filming on private property. The categories include fee reductions for: 1) film production crew of three persons or less (maximum 5 extras or guests) that is fully contained on private property - Fee will be waived and 2) film production crew of five persons or less (maximum 10 extras or guests) that is fully contained on private property, fee will be reduced by 50 percent of existing fee.	Approved by City Council on April 19, 2010 Begins July 1, 2010 For more information contact the Film Office at 323-848-6489.
Marketing	The MVB will produce WH Insiders, an online campaign for West Hollywood businesses to promote special offers to local and regional consumers.	For more information contact the MVB at 310-289-2525
Marketing	The MVB will produce a Merchant Resource Guide promoting Marketing and PR opportunities for businesses	For more information contact the MVB at 310-289-2525
Parking	Allow the conversion of retail spaces to art gallery or wholesale design showroom and back to retail without losing grandfathered status for retail.* *Allowed only in the Avenues of Art & Design district. Leases can be for any period of time, but must be signed between August 20, 2009 and December 31, 2011.	As of August 20, 2009.Expires December 31, 2011
Special Events		• As of April 7, 2009
Special Events	Increase the total number of special events allowed per business from four (4) per year to twelve (12) per year. Eight of the twelve must be Type C events.	As of August 20, 2009.Expires December 31, 2011
Special Events	Exempt businesses from the requirement to use any of their allowed special event permits for events that are City sponsored	As of August 20, 2009

Special Even	Review the special events permitting process and identify ways to simplify the process for businesses.	As of December 16, 2009Expires December 31, 2011
Signage	Review real estate sign regulations to provide realtors with additional flexibility. Changes implemented: 1. Real estate signs may be displayed an additional day (Saturday) with extended hours from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; 2. The address of the property and the name of the brokerage	As of December 16, 2009Expires December 31, 2011
	house and/or agent may be displayed on the signs; and 3. One flag may be allowed to attract attention if it is attached to the sign.	
Signage	Allow temporary sales and promotional signs to be displayed up to four times per year for a maximum of forty-five days each. Temporary sales and promotional signs must be removed for a minimum of two weeks following each forty- five day display period. Expires December 31, 2011.	 As of December 16, 2009 Expires December 31, 2011