

Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Gary Kerr
Date: 1/20/2012
Re: Resolution of Support

The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) provides a certification for qualifying cities called the "Quality Growth Communities and Quality Growth Service Providers". Communities and service providers holding this certification will receive priority access to state and state administered funds. It may mean that these communities will be given additional points in the grant review process or be moved to the head of the line.

City staff has contacted the OPB to find out how to receive this certification. The first step in the process is to have the City Council pass a resolution indicating their support for becoming a Quality Growth Community.

Cities receiving this certification have to provide documentation to the OPB, showing their commitment to promoting economic development within their community, infrastructure efficiency, housing opportunities, and conservation of water, air, critical lands, important agricultural lands and historical resources.

North Ogden has already completed several of the requirements to qualify for this certification. Staff felt that becoming a Quality Growth Community would benefit the City as it competes with other communities for federal and state grant money. It will also ensure the City undertakes and implements long range planning goals in the areas of economic development, infrastructure efficiency, housing opportunities and conservation of the area's water, air, critical lands, important agricultural lands and historical resources.