

**Office of the City Council**  
**M E M O R A N D U M**

DATE: May 29, 2003

TO: City Council Colleagues

FROM: Mayor Mossar and Council Member Burch

SUBJECT: Request to Amend an Additional Architectural Review Board (ARB) Standard of Review to Include Sustainability and Green Building Design

On April 21, 2003 the City Council approved a policy on green building practices for city construction and building maintenance operations.

At their retreat in January, 2003, the ARB requested that city staff prepare a report that looks at adding as "Point 17" to the list of what the ARB reviews (PAMC Chapter 16:48:120) standards for review, item (b), the submittal of a LEED checklist for certain projects with exemptions and meaningful incentives. The ARB expressed interest in adding these additional requirements for new commercial construction over 20,000 square feet. The staff report was to include input from necessary City departments regarding resource impacts.

Given adopted City policy in support of sustainability and green building design, and ARB interest in formally adding these principles to their review process, we ask our colleagues to join with us in directing staff to complete their report and make recommendations to the City Council for discussion and possible action, in regard to the ARB request for changes to the ARB standard of review to include sustainability and green building design.