

From **LONG BEACH BRANCH NAACP**

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Dear Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia  
ATTN City Council Members: Lena Gonzalez, Jeannine Pearce, Suzie Price,  
Daryl Supernaw, Stacy Mungo, Dee Andrews, Roberta Uranga, Al Austin, Rex Richardson  
City Manager: Patrick West

Long Beach Branch NAACP supports the concept and need for an African American Culture Center in the city of Long Beach. Currently there isn't a significant place designated for African Americans in the city. The establishment of this center will show that the city of Long Beach respects and proactively promotes the diversity of our city. In addition, it will show inclusiveness and equity for all. This center will help to reduce ethnic tensions in our community and debunk the myth and misconception of ethnic favoritism by our city leaders. We currently have Cambodia Town and Museum of Latin American Art that are used to serve as a site to represent the Cambodian and Latin Americans populations of our city. Furthermore, an African American cultural center will provide opportunities for African Americans and those interested in African American culture, to learn about the contributions of African Americans, in not only in our city but in our nation. It will also teach lessons about the history of African Americans in our city. This cultural center would also serve as a central site for the preservation of African American history long before the site was established. Other benefits include education, tourism support and generate revenues for our city.

Long Beach Branch NAACP's officers and membership strongly supports this concept.

Sincerely,  
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Long Beach Branch NAACP

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