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Date: September 19, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District 

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Request a City Proclamation in Honor of the 2006 ABWA National Women's Leadership Conference**

The American Business Woman's Association (ABWA) brings together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition. A significant number of members of the ABWA are Long Beach based businesses. This year, the Long Beach Chapter is hosting the 2006 ABWA National Women's Leadership Conference September 28-30, 2006.

ABWA has long been accepted as one of the leading business women's associations in the United States and its far-reaching influence has touched the lives and careers of so many. It's incredible to realize that it all began more than 50 years ago, when the term "business woman" was an oddity and an association dedicated to advancing women's careers was simply unheard of. For more than a half century, the American Business Women's Association has been a significant thread woven tightly in the fabric of American history. Its unparalleled success in supporting the dreams and aspirations of workingwomen across the nation shall continue well into the future, changing women's lives for many years to come. Today, the American Business Women's Association spans the nation as the world's most diverse professional organization for women. Tens of thousands of members gather throughout the country, united by a common goal – to support each other in professional development and career advancement.

I would like to request a City Council proclamation to acknowledge the efforts of the Long Beach Chapter of the ABWA for hosting the 2006 ABWA National Women's Leadership Conference and to recognize their members for their contribution to the City of Long Beach and the business community.

Suggested Action: Request a City Council proclamation in honor of 2006 American Business Woman's Association National Women's Leadership Conference.