

1 the City must do its part to address and eliminate stigma, as well as discrimination across
2 all facets of society, and embrace people of all genders for who they are; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2021, there were over 250 anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
4 Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) bills introduced into legislatures around the country
5 where the primary targets were our transgender and non-binary communities, specifically
6 transgender youth, and, similarly, in the last few years, there has been a rise in anti-
7 transgender and anti-non-binary discrimination across the country; and

8 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City of Long Beach, recognized by the
9 Human Rights Campaign as one of the best cities in the nation when it comes to
10 supporting its LGBTQ community with local laws and policies, continues to promote an
11 inclusive environment in which all of its residents, visitors, and workers, no matter their
12 gender identities and/or expressions, feel valued and supported; and

13 WHEREAS, the City Council has periodically amended the Long Beach
14 Municipal Code to reflect societal changes and the needs of all people it serves; and

15 WHEREAS, the use of the pronouns “he”, “she”, and “he or she”, together,
16 when referring to individuals is not inclusive of all people, including but not limited to
17 people who may not ascribe to a particular, fixed, or certain gender, or people who
18 otherwise use different pronouns; and

19 WHEREAS, eliminating gender-specific language will further the City’s
20 stance on non-discrimination by being comprehensive of all people regardless of their
21 gender identities, gender expressions, and/or pronouns; and

22 WHEREAS, it is important that the City of Long Beach amends the Long
23 Beach Municipal Code to ensure any existing gender references are deemed neutral and
24 inclusive so as to continue to represent and recognize all of its residents and visitors;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as
26 follows:

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1 Section 1. Section 1.08.150 entitled "Gender References" is added to
2 Chapter 1.08, "General Provisions", of the Long Beach Municipal Code to read as
3 follows:

4 1.08.150 Gender references.

5 Any gender reference in this Code shall be deemed neutral and
6 inclusive in form and context.

7 Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by
8 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of
9 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the
10 Mayor.

11 I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City
12 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of February 8, 2022, by the following vote:

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14 Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Price, Supernaw,
15 Saro, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

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18 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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20 Absent: Councilmembers: Mungo.

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22 Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

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25 [Signature]
City Clerk

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27 Approved: 2/10/22
(Date)
[Signature]
Mayor

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF LONG BEACH)

Tamela Austin being duly sworn says: That I am employed in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Long Beach; that on the 10th day of February, 2022, I posted three true and correct copies of ORD-22-0002 in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, to wit: One of said copies in the lobby of Civic Chambers; one of said copies in the Main Library; and one of said copies on the front counter of the Office of the City Clerk.



Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 10th day of February 2022.



CITY CLERK