



PROCLAMATION

Presented to

Laura Richardson

Long Beach City Councilwoman 6th District

Whereas, Laura Richardson was born in Gardena California and has a diversified education that includes studies overseas in China, Hong Kong, Beijing, and Shanghai, a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California and a Masters of Business Administration from University of Southern California; and

Whereas, she became Southern California Director for Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante in 2001 after 14 years of working for Xerox, a fortune 400 company; and

Whereas, in the year 2000, she was elected to represent the Sixth District and was re-elected outright on the first ballot in 2004; and

Whereas, Councilwoman Richardson worked to create a "Master Plan" that serves as a strategic guideline for development of the 6th District, secured the first funding for alley maintenance by the City of Long Beach, initiated the planning process for a Senior Transportation program and was instrumental in starting the Wrigley Neighborhood Association; and

Whereas, she played a significant role in the opening of the first new bank in Central Area of her District since the riots in 1992 and is responsible for bringing over \$30 million in economic development to a traditionally underserved community; and

Whereas, Councilwoman Richardson has continually shown an unwavering dedication and deep sense of commitment to her constituents and is known to many for her effective service, follow-up & follow-through with visible results; and

Whereas, Honorable Laura Richardson has won a seat as the 55th District member of the California State Assembly in the 2006 November state elections;

Now, Therefore, I, Bob Foster, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, and the members of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby thank Laura Richardson for her years of service and commitment on the Long Beach City Council, and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.