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## REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

**Date:** February 3, 2011  
**To:** Larry Herrera, City Clerk  
**From:** Mayor Bob Foster  
**Subject:** Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of **February 8, 2011**

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Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

**Proclamation: Black History Month**

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
CD6	Dee Andrews	
CD2	SUJA LOWENTHAL	
CD9	STEVEN NEAL	

Attachment: Black History Month Proclamation

# PROCLAMATION

*in observance of*

## ***Black History Month*** ***February 2011***

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*Whereas*, the Transcultural Experience should be supported as a healthy and proud American “natural born” issue of our cultural uniqueness, since our distinct American culture has sprung from the contributions of Americans of all colors, cultures and of national origins; and

*Whereas*, one of the best ways we can help shape the future is to preserve what we value of our past. African Americans have a proud history with a rich heritage, and Black History Month gives us the opportunity to learn more about this important part of our nation’s history; and

*Whereas*, this 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Black History Month Observance invites Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures and from diverse countries of origin to honor the memory of those hundreds of thousands of African slaves, whose labors were amongst the major contribution to the forging of an American economy from 1608 through 1865; and

*Whereas*, the African slave progeny – who through the Jim Crow era, the Civil Rights era and beyond – made a vast range of cultural, scholarly, scientific, and technological contributions to American society; and

*Whereas*, the occasion of the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the African American Black Community’s second oldest annual ethnic oriented celebration, has inspired a sense of community pride and interest in the 117 year evolution of the Observance from the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1893 “Coloured Peoples Day” Observance – until reaching the 1965 calendar expansion to the annual month long Black History Month Observance by Dr. Robert Starling Pritchard II;

*Now, Therefore*, be it resolved that I, Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby proclaim the month of **February 2011 as Black History Month** in Long Beach, and encourage all Long Beach citizens to proudly celebrate the achievements of African Americans in all fields of endeavors by acknowledging the events in our country – both tragic and triumphant – as the shared history of all Americans.

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**Bob Foster**  
**Mayor**

**Dated: February 8, 2011**

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