

1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-07-0102

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT
5 THE "EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT" (H.R. 800)
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7 WHEREAS, in 1935, the United States Congress enacted the "National
8 Labor Relations Act" to, among other things, protect the rights of workers to form unions;
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10 WHEREAS, a worker's fundamental right to choose a union free from
11 coercion is a public issue that requires public policy solutions, including legislative
12 remedies; and

13 WHEREAS, the free choice to join with others to bargain for better wages
14 and benefits is essential to economic opportunity and good living standards; and

15 WHEREAS, it is important to have strong laws protecting the rights of
16 workers to make their own decisions about union participation; and

17 WHEREAS, the enactment of the "Employee Free Choice Act," (H.R. 800),
18 would safeguard a worker's ability to make their own decision concerning certain
19 workplace issues; preserve workers' freedom to form a union; provide for first contract
20 mediation and arbitration; and establish meaningful penalties for employer violations of
21 workers' rights;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
23 follows:

24 Section 1. The Congress of the United States is urged to enact the
25 "Employee Free Choice Act" (H.R. 800), to authorize the National Labor Relations Board
26 to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees
27 voluntarily designate that union to represent them; provide for first contract mediation and
28 arbitration; and establish meaningful penalties for employer violations of workers' rights.

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Section 2. Duly certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted by the City Clerk to the presiding officers of the Congress of the United States, and the member of the United States Congress elected to the 37th, 39th and 46th Congressional Districts.

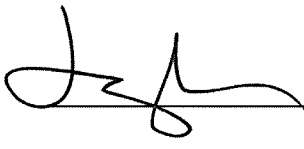
Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of July 24, 2007, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske,
Andrews, Gabelich, Lerch.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal,
Reyes Uranga.



City Clerk

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