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Date: November 1, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District 

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: City Recognition of the Detective Warren "Duke" Dubois Jordan and the City's first African American Police Officers**

The City of Long Beach lost a significant member our community when Warren "Duke" Dubois Jordan died on Tuesday October 25, 2005. Retired Detective Warren "Duke" Dubois Jordan was the first African American Police Officer to serve the Long Beach Police Department. With the passing of Detective "Duke" Jordan, the City Council should acknowledge the distinguished history of African Americans officers in our Public Safety community and their contributions to the City.

Detective Jordan was trailblazer in the law enforcement community and a role model for those who followed in his footsteps. Three other officers soon followed Detective Jordan into service and were hired in 1950.

Warren "Duke" Jordan - Hired April 18, 1948
Eugene Ivory - Hired in 1950
Trusten Lofland - Hired 1950
Bennie Roan - Hired 1950

Detective Jordan was a 7th District resident along with Officers Lofland and Roan, who still reside on West Side. Officer Ivory lives in the Los Angeles Area.

Please take a moment to remember Detective Warren "Duke" Dubois Jordan and reflect on the contributions of his fellow officers.

Suggested Action: **Recognition of the first African American Police officers to serve the Long Beach Police Department and posthumous recognition of the LBPD's first African American officer, Detective Warren "Duke" Dubois Jordan.**