

RESOLUTION NO. RES-05-0005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH OPPOSING THE PROPOSED
ELIMINATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, President Bush has proposed the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in his fiscal year 2006 budget, which funds a myriad of social services, economic development, and housing programs in Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, in Long Beach and in communities throughout the nation, thirty years of Community Development Block Grant funding has developed a strong network of relationships between local government, residents, private sector and the many non-profit agencies that provide services; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant program is a partnership of Federal, state, and local government, business, non-profit and community efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG program, administered by the local government and often delivered by local non-profit organizations, rely heavily on the dedication of and good will of our combined efforts; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach has demonstrable evidence that the CDBG program has created jobs, improved low-income housing units, removed graffiti, provided critical homeless services, and provided at-risk youth with constructive recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program is a crucial component of Long Beach's crime prevention and gang intervention strategy; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach has large immigrant populations, and that the CDBG program has been vital in assisting these populations to become self-sustaining and productive community members; and

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1 WHEREAS, the program should continue to be administered by U. S.
2 Department of Housing and Urban Development because its staff has the experience and
3 expertise to administer a program that principally benefits low income persons;

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5 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
6 follows:

7 Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council of Long Beach oppose the
8 proposed elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program and advocate
9 full funding for this program equal to Fiscal Year 2005 levels, and that the program remain
10 within the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

11 Sec. 2. That this community, along with the service providers and
12 others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress
13 and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by
14 the Community Development Block Grant program and to strongly oppose any proposal
15 to eliminate the Community Development Block Grant Program.

16 Sec. 3. That copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected
17 and appointed officials of the Federal government and that this community's name, and
18 the names of its non-profit service providers, be added to the roll of those committed to the
19 preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant program and
20 maintenance of its essential features over the course of this, and the next session of
21 Congress.

22 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
23 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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25 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
26 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of March 8, 2005, by the

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