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Date: January 11, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, Seventh District 

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Renewing Friendship City Relations with City of Ensenada**

The City of Long Beach and City of Ensenada established a "Friendship City" relationship on May 28, 1996 by proclamation of the City Council. Prior to the City's establishment of this relationship, the Port of Long Beach had established a "Brother Ports" relationship on June 1, 1973 by resolution of the Harbor Commission. The official relations between the two cities was established to promote and expand the effective and mutually beneficial cooperation between the people of Long Beach and the people of Ensenada.

The Sister Cities International website currently lists eight Long Beach Sister Cities affiliations and one Friendship City affiliation, the City of Guadalajara, Mexico. It has come to my attention that members the community would like to re-establish the Friendship Cities relationship between Long Beach and the City of Ensenada. However, bylaws adopted by Sister Cities of Long Beach, Inc. in 2002, may have impacted the ability to re-establish this previously productive relationship.

Suggested Action: **Request report from City Manager on the City's participation with Sister Cities of Long Beach, and information on the process of adopting a Sister and/or Friendship City relationship.**

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