

# City of Long Beach

California

## PROCLAMATION

presented to

*Detective Rich Armond*

Long Beach Police Department  
"Employee of the Year 2005"

*Whereas*, Officer Rich Armond has been a Police Officer for the past fourteen years, and until his recent promotion to the position of Gang Detective, worked primarily in the West Patrol Division. His efforts to connect with the community have enabled him to develop personal relationships with local residents, gaining their trust and working with them to address crime and quality of life issues in the West Division; and

*Whereas*, in December 2004, the West Division created the West Side Longo (WSL) Impact Team to combat gang activity and violent crime. Officer Armond and his team were tasked with gathering intelligence on WSL gang members. As the senior officer on the team, Officer Armond was given the added responsibilities of compiling statistics, briefing command staff, and training patrol officers on the injunction. Without Officer Armond's efforts, this valuable tool used for combating gangs and crime in the West Division may not have succeeded; and

*Whereas*, on April 4, 2005, Officer Armond and the Impact Team initiated a special enforcement program focusing on street robberies in target areas. Their efforts resulted in a nearly 50% decrease in street robberies in those areas. Overall, robberies in the West Division were reduced 24%. These reductions are a testimony to Officer Armond's leadership and his team's hard work. Officer Armond's professionalism, knowledge and attention to detail were paramount to the success of the operation; and

*Whereas*, Officer Armond has shown a willingness to do "whatever it takes" to get the job done. This high level of dedication was displayed on the many occasions when he was called, while off duty, to come in and assist with an investigation. During the year 2005, Officer Armond made 301 arrests, the majority of which were for felony offenses; and

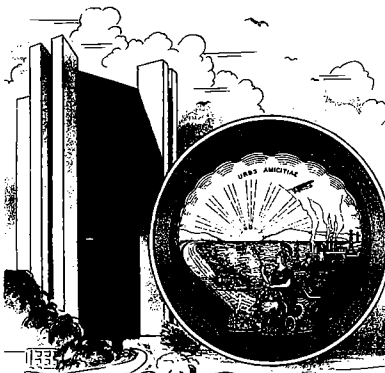
*Whereas*, Detective Rich Armond strives to make the City of Long Beach a safer place to live and work by being proactive in combating crime through his experience, training and leadership.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby take great pride in recognizing Detective Rich Armond as the Long Beach Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2005 and commend him for his commitment to serve the citizens of Long Beach and his professional efforts which remind us that one person can make a difference to many.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
Beverly O'Neill  
MAYOR

Dated: May 16, 2006



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## PROCLAMATION

presented to

*Criminalist Troy Ward*

Long Beach Police Department  
"Employee of the Year 2005"

*Whereas*, Troy Ward has established a respected reputation while employed with the Long Beach Police Department and works in the Crime Lab as a Criminalist assigned to the Controlled Substance and Blood Alcohol/Toxicology sections. Criminalist Ward was hired on August 24, 1995 and later received training from the Federal Bureau of Investigations and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms as a firearms expert. Since 1999, he has been assigned as the Long Beach Police Department's firearms expert, heading up the Firearms Section of the Crime Lab. During these assignments he has faithfully completed his duties with a high degree of integrity and professionalism, consistently maintaining a high level of work performance; and

*Whereas*, he serves as the Firearms and Ballistics expert for the Police Department and has been instrumental in the Police Department's fight against violent crime through the examination of firearms evidence. His work is highly regarded by the local branch of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms as first rate, always accurate, with the results definitive for prosecution. These words are echoed by the detectives of both the Police Department's Homicide and Gang Suppression Details, with many of their most difficult and complicated cases heavily reliant on his findings and expert court testimony; and

*Whereas*, he has conducted thousands of examinations of exhibits with extreme precision, accuracy, and dedication to his profession; linking violent criminals to the crimes which they have committed; and

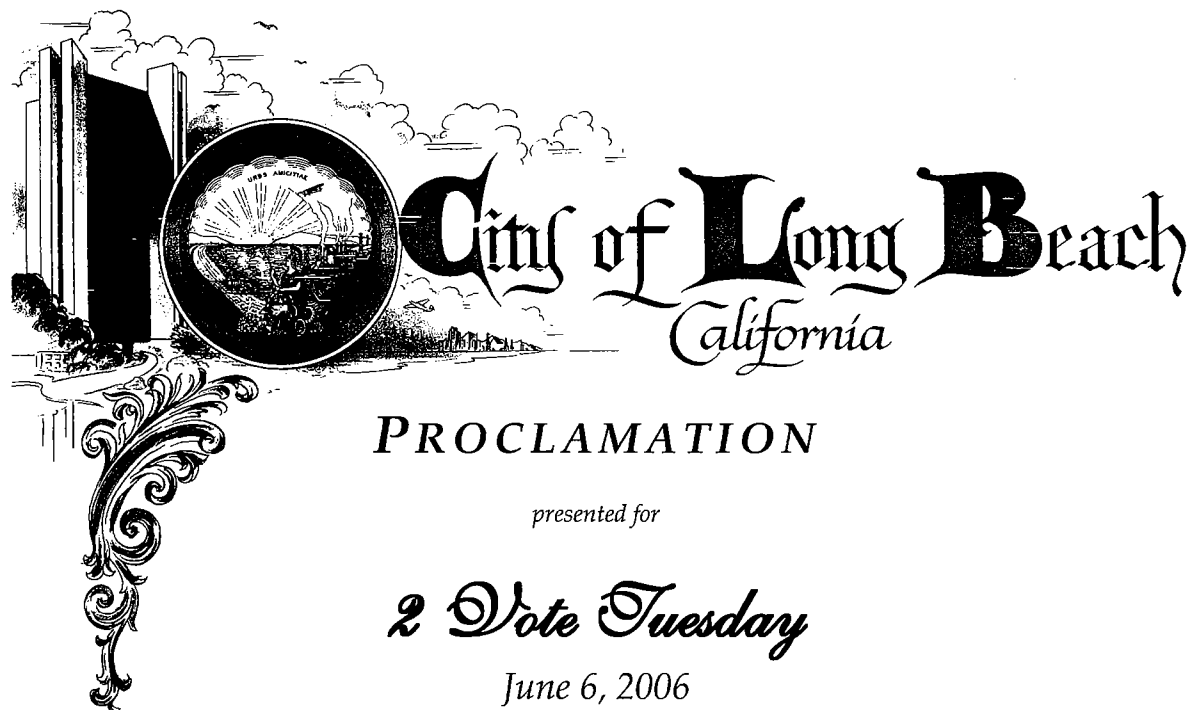
*Whereas*, he has developed a method of reporting his findings, creating a linkage matrix diagram that clearly demonstrates how his findings "connect the dots" between the evidence collected at crime scenes to the crimes and to the perpetrators, resulting in a solid forensic foundation for a successful prosecution.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby take great pride in recognizing **Criminalist Troy Ward** as the **Long Beach Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2005** and commend him for his commitment to serve the citizens of Long Beach. His professional efforts make a difference in the apprehension and prosecution of violent criminals and create a safer Long Beach for all.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
Beverly O'Neill  
MAYOR

Dated: May 16, 2006



## PROCLAMATION

presented for

*2 Vote Tuesday*

June 6, 2006

*Whereas*, on Tuesday, June 6, the City of Long Beach Municipal Elections will be held concurrently with the Statewide Primary Election; and

*Whereas*, on that day, at one polling place, residents will vote on two different ballots: one for State and County candidates and issues, and a second one for City candidates. Voters will visit two sign-in tables at the same polling place, and will use different voting systems to cast their ballots. Absentee voters will need to vote and send in two ballots, one for the City and another for the County and State; and

*Whereas*, in an effort to educate Long Beach voters and ensure a smooth election, the Long Beach City Clerk's office has created *2 Vote Tuesday* – an advertising and community outreach campaign, which was launched in May citywide, explaining the process of “voting twice”; and

*Whereas*, it is the goal of *2 Vote Tuesday* to make sure voters in Long Beach know that on June 6<sup>th</sup> they need to sign in twice and cast two ballots; and

*Whereas*, it is the City's desire to ensure that all voters have the opportunity to have their voices heard in this important election.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 6, 2006** as *2 Vote Tuesday* in Long Beach and encourage Long Beach voters to make sure that they have taken full advantage of their right to vote on election day.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
Beverly O'Neill  
MAYOR

Dated: May 16, 2006