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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach Condemning Discriminatory Laws Against the LGBT Community in Russia and Urging our Sister City of Sochi to Join Our Protest.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of September 3, 2013, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By

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Deputy City Attorney

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1 RESOLUTION NO.
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH CONDEMNING DISCRIMINATORY
5 LAWS AGAINST THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN RUSSIA AND
6 URGING OUR SISTER CITY OF SOCHI TO JOIN OUR
7 PROTEST
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9 WHEREAS, Russia recently passed discriminatory laws against the lesbian,
10 gay, bi-sexual and transgender ("LGBT") community, prohibiting the advocacy of LGBT
11 rights and the public demonstration of affection with gay or lesbian partners; and

12 WHEREAS, the Russian legislation further contains a provision that allows
13 police officers to arrest tourists and foreign nationals they suspect of being homosexual,
14 lesbian or "pro-gay" and detain them for up to 14 days before expelling them from Russia;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Russian Federation will host the 2014 Winter Olympic
17 Games in Sochi, which is the sister city of Long Beach; and

18 WHEREAS, these laws foster an environment of violence and bigotry
19 against the LGBT community and are oppressive not only to Russians but to Long Beach
20 residents and other tourists who travel in Russia to attend the Olympic Games in Sochi;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has been a strong advocate for
23 measures to support the equality of LGBT individuals and for all people on a local, state
24 and international level;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
26 follows:

27 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby expresses
28 its protest of discriminatory laws targeting the LGBT community, including those focusing

1 on tourists and Winter Olympics participants.

2 Section 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach respectfully
3 requests the municipal government of our sister city of Sochi, host of the 2014 Winter
4 Olympics, to join our protest of these discriminatory laws.

5 Section 3. The City Council of the City of Long Beach respectfully
6 requests the Long Beach/Sochi Sister City Association to assist in beginning a dialogue
7 addressing these human rights issues in Russia.

8 Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
9 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

10 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
11 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2013, by the
12 following vote:

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14 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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18 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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20 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk

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