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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-06-0141

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING AND
5 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH
6 COURTHOUSE BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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8 WHEREAS, the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 passed by the California
9 Legislature on August 31, 2002, and signed into law on September 29, 2002 provides a
10 procedure for transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the state,
11 and the transfer of titles of court facilities from the counties to the state; and

12 WHEREAS, the transfer process of the South District Los Angeles County
13 Courts was essentially completed through a memorandum of understanding between
14 the Los Angeles County (the "County"), the Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC"),
15 and the Los Angeles Superior Court, signed by the Los Angeles County Board of
16 Supervisors in July 2006; and

17 WHEREAS, the South District of the Los Angeles Superior Court is served
18 by four court facilities: Long Beach, the Beacon Street Annex, San Pedro, and Catalina.
19 The Court in the city of Long Beach operates out of a shared-use building that is
20 functionally and physically deficient and is among the worst in the state in terms of
21 security and overcrowding. This outdated and undersized building is and will remain
22 incapable of meeting the region's growing demand for court services. The existing
23 court space provides limited court services as a result of its constrained size.
24 Consequently, the court has had to utilize a modular building to hold its traffic court.
25 The deplorable conditions of the facilities, the extreme lack of security and overcrowded
26 conditions, and the public's hindered access to court services are among the reasons
27 why a new downtown Long Beach Court is needed; and

28 WHEREAS, a new Long Beach Courthouse for the Los Angeles Superior

1 Court is ranked in the "Immediate Need" priority group in the Trial Court Capital-Outlay
2 Plan adopted by the Judicial Council in August 2006 and is one of the highest priority
3 trial court capital-outlay projects for the judicial branch; and

4 WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the Courts, Office of Court
5 Construction and Management, has prepared a "Project Feasibility Report" dated
6 September 8, 2006, outlining the need for the financing and construction by the State of
7 California for a new downtown Long Beach Court facility to be located on a new, yet-to-
8 be-selected, site with a minimum of 2.96 acres at Long Beach, Los Angeles County,
9 California, consisting of a building of approximately 307,2132 gross square feet at an
10 estimated project cost of \$321.5 million without financing costs. This cost is based on
11 construction of a seven-story court building with 34 courtrooms, a basement, and partial
12 penthouse, a sallyport, and in-custody holding located within the basement. An onsite
13 parking structure is proposed of 500 spaces to accommodate visitors, staff and jurors,
14 and short-term surface parking will be provided at street level. In addition, 10 surface
15 parking spaces, and secure parking for judicial officers and key administrative staff will
16 be provided; and

17 WHEREAS, the existing Long Beach facility is a busy criminal court
18 requiring the daily movement of hundreds of in-custody defendants within hallways also
19 used by judges and staff and its holding cells were not designed by accommodate the
20 number of in-custody defendants brought to court each day;

21 WHEREAS, on November 21, 2006, a resolution was adopted by the the
22 Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles supporting the Judicial Council's
23 action to recommend inclusion of the New Long Beach Court in the Governor's Budget
24 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, and requested their support for this project;

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

27 Sec. 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach is in support of
28 financing and construction by the State of California of a new downtown Long Beach

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1 Court facility to be located at a new site of approximately 2.96 acres in downtown Long
2 Beach, Los Angeles County, California, consisting of a building of approximately
3 307,212 square feet, including approximately 34 courtrooms, at an estimated project
4 cost of \$321.5 million, including site acquisition as described and recommended in the
5 above-referenced "Project Feasibility Report" dated September 8, 2006, prepared by
6 Administrative Office of the Courts, Office of Court Construction and Management; and

7 Sec. 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach urges that the
8 California Department of Finance and the Governor of the State of California include
9 the project for a new downtown Long Beach Court facility in the Governor's proposed
10 Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008; and

11 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
12 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

13 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
14 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of December 5, 2006,
15 by the following vote:

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17 Ayes: Councilmembers: S. Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell,
18 Schipske, Gabelich, Lerch.
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21 Noes: Councilmembers: None.
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23 Absent: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal, Reyes Uranga.
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27 City Clerk