

RESOLUTION NO. C-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH OPPOSING ANY ACTION, POLICY OR LEGISLATION THAT RESTRICTS OR JEOPARDIZES THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ANY PERSON

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is made up of a diverse population, including individuals of various cultures and ethnic groups, whose contributions to the community are vital to its character and function; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach rightfully considers itself a progressive city regarding its policies of ensuring equal rights for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the status and rights of all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, age, or marital status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach recognizes that public actions at any level of government that denigrate, disenfranchise, or stigmatize any segment of society are inimical to the policies of the City; and

WHEREAS, the United States and California Constitutions guarantee all persons living in the United States certain fundamental civil rights and civil liberties, including freedom of religion, speech, assembly, privacy, due process and equal protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person without distinction, and calls for justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach opposes and condemns all discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, birth or other status.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as

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1 follows:

2 Sec. 1. That the City of Long Beach opposes any action, policy, or legislation  
3 that restricts or jeopardizes the civil rights of any person or which would serve to  
4 discriminate against individuals based upon a person's race, color, creed, religion,  
5 ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, age, or marital status.

6 Sec. 2. That the City of Long Beach opposes and condemns all  
7 discrimination on the basis of personal characteristics and calls upon all governmental  
8 entities and their respective representatives to at all times promote and protect the human  
9 rights of all persons and respect civil liberties of all individuals in accordance with the  
10 precepts established by the California and United States Constitutions.

11 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the  
12 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 Council  
14 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, by the  
15 following vote:

16 Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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20 Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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22 Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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25 City Clerk

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