



**Date:** December 13, 2005  
**To:** Honorable Mayor O'Neill and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Bonnie Lowenthal, Councilmember, First District *BL*  
**Subject:** New Sex Offender Legislation Impact

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**Background**

Under existing law, an inmate who is released on parole for certain sex offenses involving child victims or dependent persons is prohibited from residing within one-quarter mile of any public or private school, for the duration of his or her parole.

On October 5, 2005, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law new legislation (AB113), designed to strengthen existing law by prohibiting "high risk" child molesters on parole from living within half a mile of public or private schools through grade 12, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. "High risk" child molesters are those offenders the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation determines pose a high risk to the public to repeat his/her offense while on parole.

With many of Long Beach Unified School District's Schools in close proximity to one another, it is very likely that there are limited areas where these "high risk" child molesters can live. It is necessary to communicate to the public where it is possible for these individuals to reside, and also to allow residents the opportunity to be educated on what measures they can take to protect their children.

**Recommendation:**

I therefore, request with the support of my colleagues, for Chief Batts to report back to Council within 60 days on how the Department will enforce this new legislation that will become effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, and to clearly define areas within Long Beach where "high risk" child molesters cannot live.