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**Office of Gerrie Schipske, R.N.P., J.D.**  
**Councilwoman, Fifth District**  
**Memorandum**

**R-9**

Date: June 18, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilmember Gerrie Schipske, Fifth District  
Councilmember James Johnson, Seventh District  
Vice Mayor Robert Garcia, First District

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Request from American Gold Star Manor to fly the Blue Star and Gold Star Mother's of America Flags at the City Hall Plaza**

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**Discussion:**

The Blue Star Mothers of America is a national organization of women who have children in the U.S. Military and the American Gold Star Flag is made up of mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of our country.

Each organization has been given the permission by U.S. Congress to display flags. The Blue Star Flag is to fly as long as our country is involved in an active conflict. The Gold Star Flag is to fly permanently as a reminder to us of those families whose offspring served and died so that this might be a better place in which to live.

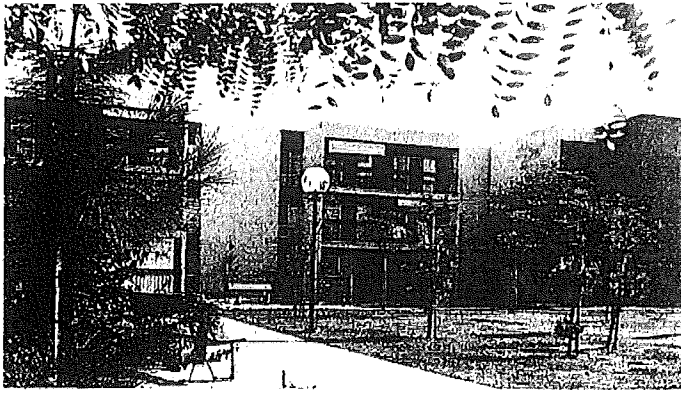
The American Gold Star Manor, the only facility in our country dedicated to providing affordable housing for senior American Gold Star Mothers and Veterans, requests that the City of Long Beach display at the City Hall Plaza both the Blue and Gold Star Flags as a symbol of public reverence for the women and families who have given so much for this nation.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize the City Manager to display both the Blue Star Flag in the Plaza at City Hall as long as our country is in an active conflict and the Gold Star Flag on a permanent basis.



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Councilwoman G. Schipske

Dear Councilmember Schipske,

This letter is to request that the City of Long Beach proudly flies the Blue Star Mothers of America flag at the Plaza at City Hall as long as our country is involved in an active conflict and that the flag of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. be flown at the Plaza on a permanent basis.

As you are aware, the Blue Star Mothers of America is a national organization of women who have children in the U.S. military and the American Gold Star Mothers is made up of mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of our country.

It is entirely appropriate that our city, with its long and proud military history, take this action to perpetuate the honor of the families with children in our nation's armed forces and especially of those families whose offspring served and died so that this world might be a better place in which to live.

It is even more fitting that, as home of the American Gold Star Manor, the only facility in our country dedicated to providing affordable housing for senior American Gold Star Mothers and veterans, the City of Long Beach proudly displays these symbols as a public expression of reverence for the women who have given so much for their nation.

Sincerely,

Terry Geiling

President/CEO

American Gold Star Manor