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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-10-0061

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING THE  
5 PRESERVATION OF FUNDING FOR SERVICES PROVIDED  
6 BY THE GUIDANCE CENTER

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8 WHEREAS, The Guidance Center has a unique history in providing  
9 services to Long Beach since 1946; and

10 WHEREAS, The Guidance Center serves as a major community mental  
11 health service provider employing more than 150 mental health professionals, support  
12 staff, administrators, and interns; and

13 WHEREAS, The Guidance Center provides services to school children and  
14 families at six (6) sites within Long Beach and surrounding communities; and

15 WHEREAS, The Guidance Center consistently partners with government  
16 agencies within and outside of Long Beach including staffing over twenty (20) schools  
17 within the Long Beach Unified School District with mental health professionals and  
18 support staff to assist school children; and

19 WHEREAS, The Guidance Center is utilized for child mental health support  
20 by local law enforcement agencies, often as a resource of last resort without which low-  
21 income children who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect would otherwise not  
22 receive treatment therefore increasing the possibility of homelessness and substance  
23 abuse; and

24 WHEREAS, the downturn in the economy and budget cuts have caused  
25 demand for The Guidance Center's services to surge, and it now has a waitlist of over  
26 100 children who require care; and

27 WHEREAS, The Guidance Center is heavily dependant on public funding  
28 including funds issued through Medi-Cal and Mental Health Services Act dollars; and

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1                   WHEREAS, the proposed State budget includes the elimination of Healthy  
2 Families and CalWORKs, both of which are critical health care and social service  
3 programs for the working poor; and

4                   WHEREAS, the budget further includes additional cuts to Medi-Cal  
5 managed care, which would result in cuts in funds to The Guidance Center from Los  
6 Angeles County; and

7                   WHEREAS, the loss in LA County support would trigger the loss in  
8 matching federal funds;

9                   NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
10 follows:

11                   Section 1.    The City of Long Beach openly declares its support for The  
12 Guidance Center and urges the Southern California federal and state legislative  
13 delegation to refrain from imposing any additional cuts, whether direct or indirect, to The  
14 Guidance Center's services.

15                   Section 2.   This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
16 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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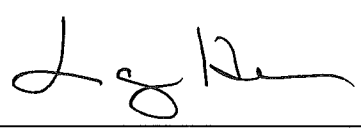
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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 22, 2010 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, Lowenthal, DeLong,  
O'Donnell, Andrews, Reyes Uranga,  
Gabelich, Lerch.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Schipske.



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