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May 11, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach Designating
2010 as the Year of No Texting While Driving.

DISCUSSION


Pursuant to your request of April 20, 2010, this office has prepared and
submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By 

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Principal Deputy City Attorney

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH DESIGNATING 2010 AS THE YEAR
5 OF NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING
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7 WHEREAS, THE City of Long Beach fully supports the no texting while
8 driving ban in the State of California and the new public awareness and education
9 campaign launched by AT&T; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach promotes the health and safety of all
11 Long Beach residents; and

12 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach views texting while driving as a
13 seriously dangerous and deadly distraction; and

14 WHEREAS, according to Time magazine "National Highway Traffic Safety
15 Administration (NHTSA) study that identified the cell phone as a serious safety hazard
16 when used on the road"; and

17 WHEREAS, ArticlesBase wrote that every day in 2008, over 800,000
18 people were using a mobile phone, texting, or calling while driving in the United States,
19 making wireless devices the No. 1 source of driver inattention; and

20 WHEREAS, California passed a law in 2008 that made it illegal to talk on
21 your cell phone while driving, unless the driver has a hands-free device; and

22 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2008, Chatsworth, California experienced a
23 horrible and deadly train crash when the engineer viewed a text message, as a result 25
24 people died and more than 100 were injured; and

25 WHEREAS, texting is considered riskier than driving under the influence of
26 alcohol or drugs according to the Transport Research Laboratory; and

27 WHEREAS, Edgar Snyder & Associates reported that well over 6,000
28 Americans have lost their lives due to cell phone use by texting or making or receiving

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calls via cell phone;

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

Section 1. That the City of Long Beach hereby promotes safe driving
across California and joins AT&T in its efforts to educate the general public about the
danger of texting while driving.

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

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk