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December 5, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt resolution in support of the City's proposal to urge the Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) to relocate its corporate headquarters and sporting facilities to the City of Long Beach

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of November 14, 2006, 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 
MICHAEL J. MAIS
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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S PROPOSAL TO URGE THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (SOSC) TO RELOCATE ITS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS AND SPORTING FACILITIES TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) has released a Request for Proposals to relocate its corporate headquarters and sporting facilities from its current location in Culver City; and

WHEREAS, SOSC provides services to more than 10,000 athletes and their families, with the assistance of approximately 12,000 community volunteers throughout the 11 counties of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach would be an ideal location for the new corporate headquarters of SOSC; and

WHEREAS, California State University, Long Beach currently serves as host to 1,500 athletes and 3,000 volunteers each year at the "Summer Games for the Special Olympics Southern California;" and

WHEREAS, Long Beach is centrally located for the activities and events sponsored by the SOSC given that the SOSC's geographical territory encompasses the area from San Luis Obispo to San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach is currently home to an SOSC Area Program Office, which would ease the transition of SOSC's entire corporate facilities to the City of Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, relocation proposals are due to SOSC by December 19, 2006, with an anticipated announcement of the new corporate headquarters in June 2007.

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

Section 1. That the City Council strongly supports the relocation of
SOSC's corporate headquarters and sporting facilities to the City of Long Beach due to
the fact that there is a strong existing and historical connection between the City, the
SOSC and its various activities and events, and that the City is ideally suited and
located for the needs of the SOSC, its participant athletes and its many volunteers.

Sec. 2 . This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to 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 _____, 2006,
by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk