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Councilmember
District 2

Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council

January 22, 2013

From: Suja Lowenthal, Second District 
Dee Andrews, Sixth District 

Subject: Season for Nonviolence January 30th – April 4th

REQUESTED ACTION:

Respectfully request the City Council recognize the sixty-four days between January 30th and April 4th, as a "A Season for Nonviolence" and consider ways to participate by hosting or promoting events in their district that demonstrate how every person can move our city in the direction of peace through their daily nonviolent choice and action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A Season for Nonviolence, January 30 - April 4, is a national 64-day educational, media, and grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower lives and communities. Inspired by the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this event honors their vision for an empowered, nonviolent world starting with our city.

A Season for Nonviolence was co-founded by Arun and Sunanda Gandhi of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence and a group of ten ministers forming the Leadership Council of The Association for Global New Thought, the organization that convenes A Season for Nonviolence on an annual basis.

A Season for Nonviolence has also been recognized in hundreds of cities in United States and all over the world. More than 350 organizations, religious, business, arts, and learning institutions have elected themselves as official co-sponsors of A Season for Nonviolence initiative.

It is our hope that each of the religious, spiritual and civic leaders and organizations in Long Beach embrace A Season for Nonviolence and bring their own events and activities to their members as a means of encouraging them to build a community that honors the dignity and worth of every human being. The Office of Human DigThe City of Long Beach and its residents, businesses and visitors should aspire to and deserve nothing less in our communities.