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June 22, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach Supporting the Preservation of Funding for Services Provided by The Guidance Center.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request of June 1, 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 
J. CHARLES PARKIN
Principal Deputy City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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5 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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9 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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11 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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