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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING \$4.3 BILLION IN FY 2007 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income;" and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years the CDBG program has been a critical program for cities and counties across the country in providing funding and tools to create jobs, increase economic development opportunities and expand home ownership; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2007 budget proposes to reduce CDBG formula grants by \$1 billion, or 25%, which proposed cut would have a devastating impact on a local government's ability to provide resources to those communities and neighborhoods most in need; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 32-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector, which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

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1 WHEREAS, City of Long Beach, with CDBG funds in the amount of
2 approximately \$10 million annually since 1976, has provided youth after school and
3 weekend recreation services, housing, sidewalk, and park development projects,
4 homeless prevention services, business assistance, and job development which principally
5 benefits low income Long Beach residents; and

6 WHEREAS, City of Long Beach will receive \$9,025,828 in Fiscal Year 2006,
7 a cut in funds of approximately \$1 million (or 10%) to continue these activities for the
8 benefit of the low and moderate income community; and

9 WHEREAS, should the President's proposed CDBG budget cut be enacted,
10 it would have a devastating effect on City of Long Beach CDBG program by eliminating or
11 reducing many of the aforementioned City CDBG programs and services;

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

14 Section 1. The City of Long Beach hereby calls on the United States
15 Congress to provide a FY 2007 funding level of no less than \$4.35 billion in formula
16 funding.

17 Sec. 2. The City Council hereby designates the Week of April 17 through
18 April 22, 2006, as "Community Development Block Grant Week" in Long Beach in support
19 of this valued program that has made a tremendous contribution to the viability of the
20 housing stock, neighborhoods and infrastructure in the City of Long Beach.

21 Sec. 3. The City Council encourages all citizens to join together in
22 expressing support for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

23 Sec. 4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the
24 elected state and federal officials representing the City of Long Beach, and to other
25 officials, agencies, entities, and individuals as may be deemed appropriate by the City
26 Manager.

27 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the
28 City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

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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 _____, 2006, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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