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December 22, 2015

Hon. Rex Richardson  
 Councilmember, City of Long Beach  
 333 West Ocean Blvd, 14th Floor  
 Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Councilmember Richardson:

Please accept this letter of support for naming the North Long Beach Branch Library after First Lady Michelle Obama.

A Harvard graduate, Michelle Obama has led and supported several campaigns as First Lady. They include women and LGBTQ rights, and the enactment of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which makes it easier for workers to challenge unequal pay. The other most notable movement includes her "Let's Move" campaign, which promotes healthy eating that eventually led to the creation of a Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

It is examples such as these that have demonstrated First Lady Obama's leadership and dedication to education, civil rights and the overall well-being for everyone. More than ever, we should continue to celebrate these types of acolytes that our next generation of leaders can embody. I believe naming the North Branch Library the "Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library" is one way to achieve that goal.

For these reasons and much more, I respectfully request full consideration of naming the North Long Beach Branch Library after First Lady Michelle Obama should this item come to you on Tuesday December 22, 2015. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office at (310) 324-6408.

Sincerely,

MIKE A. GIPSON  
 Assemblymember, 64<sup>th</sup> District

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