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RESOLUTION NO. RES-05-0114

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE
CONTINUATION OF THE BOEING C-17 PRODUCTION
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Boeing C-17 is a proven workhorse of Air Mobility
Command and is the only aircraft performing all airlift missions;

WHEREAS, the highly flexible C-17 is indispensable in the Global War on
Terrorism, countless humanitarian missions, numerous peacekeeping missions and
most recently in aiding victims of Hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, the Boeing C-17 manufacturing facility is critical to the region,
state and national economies;

WHEREAS, currently some 9,700 employees work in the Boeing
manufacturing plant in Long Beach, making Boeing the City's largest private industrial
employer;

WHEREAS, approximately 6,500 of Boeing's 9,700 employees work on
the C-17 program in Long Beach;

WHEREAS, over 30,000 jobs in 42 states support the C-17 program and
will be severely impacted if the program slows or closes;

WHEREAS, Boeing has delivered 145 of the 180 C-17 transport planes
under its current Pentagon contract, with the last C-17 currently scheduled to be
delivered in 2008;

WHEREAS, the military is unable to order additional C-17s until the
Pentagon finishes a planning review process for future expenditures, which is not
expected to be completed until early next year, leaving the C-17's status in a state of
uncertainty;

1 WHEREAS, unless Boeing gets a solid commitment from the U.S.
2 Government to produce additional C-17s, job losses and other impacts to the regional
3 and national economy will begin in early 2006;

4 WHEREAS, the Boeing may be forced to shutter California's last major
5 aircraft manufacturing plant in 2008 because the United States Air Force has not yet
6 extended its order for C-17 cargo planes.

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

9 Section 1. That the Long Beach City Council fully supports ongoing
10 production at the Boeing C-17 manufacturing facility due to the monumental impact the
11 facility has on the security and safety of the United States and on the economic
12 condition of Long Beach and the greater region.

13 Sec. 2. That the Long Beach City Council pledges to support Boeing's
14 effort to secure ongoing production commitments for the C-17 airlifter in Long Beach to
15 continue the critical role the Boeing C-17 program plays in our community, the nation
16 and the world.

17 Sec. 3. That other local and federal legislators likewise implore Congress
18 and the military to move quickly to implement the funding necessary to ensure the
19 continued vitality of the C-17 production program.

20 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
21 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution, and
22 shall likewise forward the subject resolution to local, state and federal legislators for
23 their consideration and action.

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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 October 11, 2005, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Baker, Colonna,
Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich,
Lerch, Kell.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: O'Donnell.

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