

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

WHEREAS, Indian Treaties such as the Treaty of Ft. Laramie are recognized by the U.S. Constitution as "the supreme law of the land," and require consultation and cooperation by the United States with its Indian Treaty partner before any federal action is taken that affects Treaty lands, territories, waters or other resources; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 affirms the need to "protect and preserve for American Indians their inherent right of freedom to believe, express, and exercise the traditional religions," particularly in American Indian sacred places; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline ("DAPL") is a 1,168 mile, 30-inch diameter pipeline being developed by Energy Transfer Partners and its affiliates, which would carry as much as 570,000 barrels per day of Bakken crude from western North Dakota to Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the DAPL would run across or beneath 209 rivers, creeks and tributaries, including the Missouri River, which provides drinking water across the Midwest, serving nearly 10 million people; and

WHEREAS, the DAPL would also run through the ancestral lands and waters reserved for the traditional use of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe by the Treaty of Ft. Laramie, including the Missouri River, burial grounds and gravesites, and other sacred sites of cultural, religious, and historical significance; and

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1 WHEREAS, any spill of oil into the Missouri River would irreparably harm
2 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's Treaty reserved lands, territories, waters and other
3 resources; burial grounds, gravesites and other sacred sites of cultural, religious, and
4 historical significance; and spiritual relationships and indigenous ways of life; and

5 WHEREAS, on August 15, 2016 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council led
6 by Tribal Chairman David Archambault II called on Tribal nations and Indigenous people
7 around the world to issue resolutions in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and the
8 Sacred Stones Camp;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
10 follows:

11 Section 1. The City of Long Beach, California stands in support of the
12 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's opposition to construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline
13 across the Tribe's ancestral lands, waters and sacred sites.

14 Section 2. The City of Long Beach, California calls upon the President of
15 the United States and the Army Corps of Engineers to obtain the free, prior and informed
16 consent of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, prior to taking any federal action regarding the
17 Dakota Access Pipeline that would harm or destroy the Tribe's ancestral lands, waters
18 and sacred sites.

19 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
20 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify 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 December 20, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Price,
Supernaw, Mungo, Uranga,
Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Pearce, Andrews.

Poznam Davis
City Clerk