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January 8, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach in Support of the 2013 Free Income Tax Preparation and Family Services Initiative.

DISCUSSION


Pursuant to your request of December 18, 2012, 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 
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Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF THE 2013 FREE
INCOME TAX PREPARATION AND FAMILY SERVICES
INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, insufficient income contributes to many of the social and
human service needs in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit ("EITC") provides tax
relief and income support to low-income working families; and

WHEREAS, the EITC lifts millions of individuals out of poverty each year in
the United States by supporting work and self-sufficiency while reducing the need for
public assistance; and

WHEREAS, every year the EITC helps approximately 284,000 households
in California and brings more than \$347 million into California's economy; and

WHEREAS, every year 800,000 families who qualify for EITC fail to apply
for the credit representing a loss of \$1.2 billion in increased income for local communities;
and

WHEREAS, increasing the use of EITC by the qualified citizens of the City
of Long Beach would help stimulate our local economy and increase access to millions of
dollars in income; and

WHEREAS, every resident earning less than \$51,000 a year may qualify for
\$5,891 in EITC which may be used to lower their taxes or increase their tax refund; and

WHEREAS, for every 1,000 residents who qualify and apply for EITC, it
represents a potential \$5.8 million in economic stimulus for our community; and

WHEREAS, increasing EITC utilization represents a highly cost-effective
economic development strategy;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
2 follows:

3 Section 1. The City of Long Beach encourages the City Manager to
4 identify and utilize existing and potential public/private partnerships to inform citizens
5 about the availability of the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit and Volunteer Income Tax
6 Assistance (“VITA”) programs.

7 Section 2. The City of Long Beach encourages each City entity to work
8 in partnership with private outreach campaigns to identify and utilize existing
9 communication mechanisms to inform their employees and citizens about the availability
10 of the EITC and VITA programs, which may include City publications, billing notices,
11 websites, human resource materials and communications, correspondence, and forms
12 from the City Business Tax and Fee Department.

13 Section 3. The City of Long Beach hereby directs the City Manager to
14 place a public service announcement on the City’s local cable show and to have VITA
15 related posters and brochures at City facilities including public libraries, City Hall, and all
16 public sites throughout the City.

17 Section 4. The City of Long Beach shall join the California State Board of
18 Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service and Jerome E. Horton,
19 Chairman to the California State Board of Equalization, in advocating the Earned Income
20 Tax Credit and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Programs to qualified families and
21 individuals.

22 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
23 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 _____, 2013, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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