

**Memorandum****To:** Mayor and City Council

April 9, 2013

From: Suja Lowenthal, Second District *SL*
Dee Andrews, Sixth District *DA*
James Johnson, Seventh District *JJ***Subject:** Season for Nonviolence – Community Review**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Respectfully request a report from the Season for Nonviolence Steering Committee on the activities and initiatives undertaken throughout our community during the *Season*, spanning January 30th to April 4th.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A Season for Nonviolence, January 30 - April 4, is a national 64-day educational, media, and grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower lives and communities. Inspired by the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., this event honors their vision for an empowered, nonviolent world starting with our city.

It was our hope that each of the religious, spiritual and civic leaders and organizations in Long Beach embraced *A Season for Nonviolence* and brought their own events and activities to their members as a means of encouraging them to build a community that honors the dignity and worth of every human being. Organizations and city staff participating in *A Season for Nonviolence* in Long Beach reached out to various community groups for their involvement with the goal of encouraging them to contribute their own efforts to making the sixty-four days between January 30th and April 4th, a commencement for thoughtful discussion and foundation for exemplary action in all 365 days of the year.