

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING PRESIDENT
OBAMA'S "MY BROTHER'S KEEPER" COMMUNITY
CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, in September 2014, President Obama issued a challenge to cities, towns, counties and tribes across the country to become "My Brother's Keeper Communities;" and

WHEREAS, the My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge encourages communities to implement a coherent cradle-to-college-and-career strategy for improving the life outcomes of all young people to ensure that they can reach their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances into which they are born; and

WHEREAS, President Obama launched the My Brother's Keeper initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and to ensure that all young people can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, through this initiative, the Obama Administration is joining with cities and towns, businesses, and foundations who are taking important steps to connect young people to mentoring, support networks, and the skills they need to find a good job or go to college and work their way into the middle class or beyond; and

WHEREAS, My Brother's Keeper initiative is designed to ensure that all youth, including boys and young men of color, have opportunities to improve their life outcomes and overcome barriers to success. The initiative aims to bring together government, law enforcement, business, non-profit, philanthropic, faith, and community leaders around shared goals for young people in this country; and

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WHEREAS, My Brother's Keeper is focused on the following milestones:

- Getting a Healthy Start and Entering School Ready to Learn – All children should have a healthy start and enter school ready – cognitively, physically, socially and emotionally.
- Reading at Grade Level by Third Grade – All children should be reading at grade level by age 8 – the age at which reading to learn becomes essential.
- Graduating from High School Ready for College and Career – Every American child should have the option to attend postsecondary education and receive the education and training needed for quality jobs of today and tomorrow.
- Successfully Entering the Workforce – Anyone who wants a job should be able to get a job that allows them to support themselves and their families.
- Keeping Kids on Track and Giving Them Second Chances – All children should be safe from violent crime; and individuals who are confined should receive the education, training and treatment they need for a second chance.

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

Section 1. That the City of Long Beach supports My Brother's Keeper; a challenge to encourage communities to implement a coherent cradle-to-college-and career strategy for improving the life outcomes of all young people to ensure that they can reach their full potential, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances into which they are born.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption 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 January 20, 2015, by the following
vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Mungo, Andrews, Uranga,
Austin, Richardson, Lowenthal.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Price.



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