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#### RESOLUTION NO. C-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH OPPOSING THE PAROLE OR EARLY RELEASE OF NATHAN "ANTHONY" SIMS WHO WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED IN THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER ABEL **DOMINGUEZ** 

WHEREAS, on August 6, 1993, veteran Long Beach Police Officer Abel Dominguez was in the process of conducting a "routine" traffic stop in an area of known gang activity, which had prompted Officer Dominguez to place the suspected traffic violator in the backseat of the the Officer's patrol car; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the traffic stop, Officer Dominguez was brutally ambushed by two street gang members who were attempting to free their fellow gang member from the rear of Officer Dominguez's patrol car; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the vicious unprovoked attack and ambush, Officer Dominguez was shot in the head and upper torso numerous times causing paralysis and other severe catastrophic injuries of a permanent nature which required immediate surgical attention and caused Officer Dominguez to slip into a life threatening coma; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the attack, Officer Dominguez was forced to endure months of arduous and intensive rehabilitation in an attempt to regain his former health; and

WHEREAS, even after months and months of rehabilitation, and with the support of his wife Cindy and their children, and other family members, co-workers and friends, together with a valiant attempt to return to work, Officer Dominguez was forced by his injuries to retire from the Police Department. To this day Officer Dominguez

remains permanently disabled as a result of the injuries which he sustained on August 6, 1993; and

WHEREAS, in August 1994, gang member Nathan "Anthony" Sims (Sims) was tried and convicted of the attempted murder of a police officer in connection with the brutal and cowardly attack on Officer Dominguez; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his conviction, Sims was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole, and that Sims is set to appear before the California Board of Prison Terms in September 2004 in his first attempt to be paroled since his 1993 conviction.

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

Sec. 1. That the City of Long Beach adamantly opposes the parole or early release of gang member Nathan "Anthony" Sims, and further urges that Sims serve the full and complete term of the sentence meted out to him after his trial and conviction. Violence against a police officer, such as that perpetrated by Sims against Long Beach Police Officer Abel Dominguez, is an attack on society itself, and should not be tolerated. Not only has society itself been injured by the act of Sims, but Officer Dominguez, his wife, and his children, continue on a daily basis to bear the emotional and physical scars left by Sim"s unwarranted and cowardly attack.

Sec. 2. That the City Clerk is directed at his earliest opportunity to forward a copy of this Resolution together with any supporting documentation to the California Board of Prison Terms for its review and consideration in connection with the parole application of Nathan "Anthony" Sims.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2004, by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmembers: Noes: Councilmembers: Absent: Councilmembers: City Clerk MJM:kjm 7/29/04 #04-03013 L:\APPS\CtyLaw32\WPDOCS\D013\P003\00062578.WPD