

RESOLUTION NO. RES-21-0024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF "CARMEN THE
CAREGIVER - WE CAN DO IT!" CAMPAIGN IN
CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WHEREAS, as of February 2021, over 73,000 Long Beach residents have
been vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the demographic breakdown of administered vaccines highlights
existing disparities; and

WHEREAS, historical inequities in healthcare and other manifestations of
systemic racism have contributed to vaccine skepticism among communities of color,
particularly the Black community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to vaccinate its most vulnerable populations, the City
has prioritized frontline essential workers, including the long-term care workforce; and

WHEREAS, the long-term care workforce, encompassing workers from
nursing homes, assisted living facilities, in-home supportive services, and private agency
home care workers, has been especially vulnerable to contracting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, despite their vulnerability to contracting COVID-19, healthcare
workers have expressed resistance to getting vaccinated, citing concerns surrounding the
speed of vaccine development, the immunity it confers, and long-term side effects; and

WHEREAS, the in-home care provider and nursing home provider workforce
is represented by unions such as SEIU, which predominantly comprises women of color;
and

WHEREAS, current worker protections are particularly crucial for this
population, as the pandemic has highlighted the indispensable nature of the long-term care
workforce in maintaining community health and stability, and the need to engage this

1 population in further education, outreach, and other linkages to ensure their own health
2 and safety is guaranteed; and

3 WHEREAS, SEIU Local 2015, California's Long Term Care Workers
4 Organization, has launched the "We Can Do It!" Campaign to encourage, support, and
5 normalize mass vaccinations against COVID-19 among the SEIU 2015 membership, their
6 families, their communities, and the State of California as a whole; and

7 WHEREAS, the Campaign will work to target the most COVID-impacted
8 communities in Long Beach, establish a network of distribution centers that expand the
9 scope of accessibility of the vaccine to the City's caregiver communities, and organize and
10 facilitate the distribution in a way that instills the utmost confidence in the vaccine; and

11 WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Council now desires to commit its support
12 of the SEIU Local 2015 "We Can Do It!" mass vaccination campaign to protect both workers
13 and care recipients;

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

16 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach in conjunction with
17 International Women's Day on March 8, 2021 does hereby indicate its support of SEIU
18 Local 2015 "We Can Do It!" mass vaccination campaign.

19 Section 2. 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 March 23, 2021
by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Price, Supernaw, Mungo,
Saro, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.



City Clerk

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