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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities (CACoD) is pleased to support Larry Herrera, City Clerk, in his recommendation to purchase Disabled Access Units (DAU) to provide accessible voting to Long Beach's citizens with disabilities.

CACoD believes that the addition of the DAU to Long Beach's current voting system would greatly enhance the voting experience for many of its voters with disabilities. Once assisted to the DAU by the poll worker, the voter can vote privately, independently and unassisted. This may be a first for many voters with disabilities.

CACoD acknowledges the economic environment of the City and recognizes the cost of the DAU may limit the number of units to be purchased. Therefore, CACoD supports Mr. Herrera's recommendation to place a few units in City Hall at this time. However, CACoD would support placement of the DAU in all nine voting districts in the future.

The City of Long Beach's exemplary compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and their support of CACoD are greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your consideration regarding this important matter, if CACoD can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact us at 570-6803.

Sincerely,

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Flora J. Easter, CACoD Chairperson
Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities (CACoD)

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