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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-07-0037

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL  
5 (AB) 790 INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
6 KARNETTE MAKING WITNESS INTIMIDATION BY A  
7 MEMBER OF A STREET GANG A FELONY

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9 WHEREAS, as a fundamental part of our justice system, those who  
10 decide to step up and testify in criminal cases deserve protection; and

11 WHEREAS, it is vital that witnesses to a crime must be able to testify free  
12 of threat or fear of harm or retribution; and

13 WHEREAS, witness intimidation is a serious issue that can threaten the  
14 work of prosecutors and district attorneys and may lead to fewer potential witnesses  
15 willing to step forward, and

16 WHEREAS, under current law witness intimidation can be considered  
17 either a misdemeanor or a felony, and

18 WHEREAS, Assembly Member Betty Karnette has introduced Assembly  
19 Bill 790, which would make witness intimidation only a felony, and

20 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 790 would further seek to deter gang members  
21 from intimidating witnesses by adding a penalty enhancement to provide an additional  
22 four year term of imprisonment for witness intimidation associated with a criminal street  
23 gang activity.

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

26 Section 1. The City of Long Beach hereby declares its full support of  
27 Assembly Bill 790.

28 Sec. 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to

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1 the City's elected representatives in the State Legislature and other elected officials as  
2 determined by the City Manager.

3 Sec. 3 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by  
4 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

5 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
6 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of March 20, 2007,  
7 by the following vote:

8 Ayes: Councilmembers: S. Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske,  
9 Reyes Uranga, Lerch, B. Lowenthal.

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12 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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14 Absent: Councilmembers: O'Donnell, Gabelich.

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18 City Clerk

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