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July 16, 2013

Mayor Bob Foster & Honorable Councilmembers  
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: Cash for Gold issues

Dear Mayor Bob Foster & Councilmembers:

The Wrigley Association requests your assistance in addressing problems caused by Cash for Gold businesses which operate in the entire City of Long Beach.

Over the past several years, Long Beach has seen an increase in residential and commercial burglaries as well as "necklace snatch" street robberies. These have hit the Wrigley neighborhood especially hard as current crime statistics will attest.

One of the possible reasons that jewelry, specifically gold, is being targeted in these crimes is the relative ease with which it is then sold to "cash for gold" and other secondhand dealers.

**We believe the regulation of such businesses needs to be enhanced through stricter City ordinances related to pawn brokers and secondhand dealers, including those who operate temporary businesses out of kiosks, gas stations, and grocery stores.**

Therefore we support Agenda Item #10, City Council meeting July 16, 2013 13-0598  
"Recommendation to request the City Council to request the City Attorney to amend Long Beach Municipal Code Section 5.64.010 C, relating to pawn brokers and second-hand dealers, to include "cash for gold" businesses, as well as directing staff to prepare any necessary amendments to Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to be consistent, and report back to the City Council with an ordinance within 90 days."

Sincerely,

Colleen McDonald  
President, Wrigley Association