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C-2 Memorandum
Councilmember
Patrick O'Donnell
4th District

Date: March 20, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Fourth District *PO*
Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Second District *SL*
Councilmember Steven Neal, Ninth District *SN*

Subject: **Adoption of RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO REPEAL OF SB 1785**
(Hayden Law for stray animals)

Pursuant to the discussion and vote by the Long Beach City Council during the regular meeting of February 14, 2012, the final resolution in opposition to the repeal of SB 1785 is attached to this memo with a request to adopt by the City Council.

Recommendation:

Respectfully request City Council to adopt attached resolution in opposition to any cuts, repeal and/or reduction of services provided by SB 1785 – Hayden Law

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN OPPOSITION TO ANY CUTS,
5 REPEAL AND/OR REDUCTION OF SERVICES PROVIDED
6 BY THE HAYDEN LAW

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8 WHEREAS, in 1998, the State of California adopted SB 1785, authored by
9 Senator Tom Hayden, as part of a comprehensive effort to overhaul then-existing
10 guidelines for the humane retention, treatment, and euthanization of stray animals; and

11 WHEREAS, the Hayden Law expanded local shelters' mandatory holding
12 period from seventy-two (72) hours to between four (4) and six (6) days and established
13 clear guidelines and provided State funding for local shelters to administer necessary
14 veterinary care and humane euthanasia for unclaimed animals ; and

15 WHEREAS, repeal of the Hayden Law could lead to the hasty euthanization
16 of lost animals before their owners can be found and will compromise the humane and
17 ethical treatment of animals;

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

20 Section 1. The City Council opposes any cuts, repeal and/or reduction of
21 services provided by the Hayden Law in its present form.

22 Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution
23 to Governor Jerry Brown, the members of the California Legislature representing the
24 Long Beach area, and any other officials, agencies, entities, and individuals as may be
25 deemed appropriate.

26 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
27 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 _____, 20__ by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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