



PROCLAMATION

presented to

*Jordan High School
Speech and Debate Team*
California State Champions

- Whereas*, Jordan High School's Speech and Debate Team has won the California State Speech and Debate Championships; and
- Whereas*, Jordan High School's Speech and Debate Team was the only public high school advancing to this level beating out debaters from private schools; and
- Whereas*, Jordan High School's Speech and Debate Team debaters Louis Blackwell and Richard Funches out-performed 1,000 of California's best student speakers; and
- Whereas*, Jordan High School's Speech and Debate Team duo, argued the topic, "Resolved: the U.S. federal government should establish a foreign policy substantially increasing its support of U.N. peacekeeping operations."; and
- Whereas*, Jordan High School's Speech and Debate Team consists of stellar debaters: the State Champions, Louis Blackwell and Richard Funches; fifth place at Nationals in the novice division, Gabby Thomas and Kenneth LeBlue; first place in the Spring Fling, Nina Centers and Kenny Gravino; and the talented Harold Bell, Michael Hodo, James Lamb, Tony Donald and Sam Crighton round off this exceptional speech and debate team; and
- Whereas*, Jordan High School's Speech and Debate Team is coached by Sandra Stoneman and volunteer debate coaches Geof Brodak, a graduate student at CSULB, and David Wiltz, Director of the Urban Debate League, who were both national debate champions; and
- Whereas*, Jordan High School advocates that every student has the power to attain his or her goals through effort and dedication;
- Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby commend the Jordan High School Speech and Debate Team and their coaches on their achievement of being named the California State Champions.



Beverly O'Neill
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MAYOR

Val Lerch
Councilmember, Ninth District

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