

Dear Councilman Rex Richardson,

My name is Bilal Musaddiq and I am a student at Hamilton Middle School in North Long Beach, California. I support naming our new library the "Michelle Obama Library."

Michelle Obama once said, "If you want to go to college, fill your head with knowledge." This shows that she inspires people to go to college. The library should be named after Michelle Obama because she donated \$250,000 to local libraries and she cares about education.

Also, she is not a shy person. For example, she made a rap song and went on the Ellen show. Michelle Obama wrote in her rap: "A dream is just a dream until you go hard." In other words this means that a dream is just a dream until you get an education. Michelle Obama is energetic. She can relate to young people because she made a dance challenge to encourage people to exercise. Another reason is because she's a role model. She encourages youth to take responsibility.

Some people think we shouldn't name our library after Michelle Obama because she's not a Long Beach hero. It would throw off the tradition for naming things after Long Beach heroes. She didn't live in Long Beach, but she lived in South side Chicago. She can relate to us because these are both low-income cities.

To conclude, we should name the library after Michelle Obama because she cares about the impact of education on youth. Also with only 80% of Long Beach high school students graduating on time, this library could make it at least 90% of students graduating on time. It would help them with resources and studying. So these characteristics show why we should have the library named after Michelle Obama.

Sincerely,

Bilal Musaddiq