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RESOLUTION NO. RES-21-0105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN OPPOSITION TO THE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 RECALL ELECTION OF THE
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, the California Gubernatorial Recall
Election will take place to determine whether the Governor of California will be recalled
from office and, if so, who his replacement will be; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2021, the State Department of Finance estimated
that the recall election will cost California and county election officials approximately \$276
million, including \$243.6 million by counties and \$32.4 million by the Secretary of State to
administer the recall, which is significantly higher than previous recall elections due to
every voter in the State receiving a vote-by-mail ballot in addition to having the option to
vote in-person; and

WHEREAS, California has faced unprecedented challenges and continues
to grapple with the economic ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic with a future that
remains uncertain and everchanging; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, California adopted the biggest
economic recovery package in the State's history and has focused on providing
expanding services and government support programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS, while California continues to face the COVID-19 pandemic and
the resulting economic crisis, it is fiscally imprudent for the State and counties to be
forced to expend hundreds of millions of dollars on a recall election, rather than
expending their collective resources on other pressing issues, including but not limited to
the State's COVID-19 economic recovery and issues surrounding homelessness,
wildfires, and/or infrastructure, all of which have a direct impact on residents and visitors

1 of the City of Long Beach; and

2 WHEREAS, since 1911, when the recall became part of California’s political
3 system by providing a mechanism for the public to attempt to remove elected public
4 officials from office before the end of their term, 179 recall attempts have been made
5 against state officeholders and every governor since 1960 has faced at least one such
6 attempt; and

7 WHEREAS, the fiscally responsible course of action would be for the
8 Governor’s opponents to wait for the 2022 election cycle for voters to select an
9 alternative candidate; and

10 WHEREAS, accordingly, and in support of the general public welfare, the
11 City Council of the City of Long Beach wishes to support governmental fiscal
12 responsibility by opposing the use of public funding for the recall election during a global
13 pandemic and economic hardship;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
15 follows:

16 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby opposes
17 the September 14, 2021 recall election of the Governor of California.

18 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
19 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 August 24, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Price, Saro, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: Supernaw.

Absent: Councilmembers: Mungo.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

Ms. DeSjago
City Clerk

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