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Date: February 14, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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

Subject: **Resolution in Opposition to repeal of SB 1785 (Hayden Law for stray animals)**

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

Recognizing significant gaps in protocol for handling these animals, the Hayden Law expanded local shelters' mandatory holding period from 72 hours to between four (4) and six (6) days. It also established clear guidelines and State funding for local shelters to administer necessary veterinary care and humane euthanasia for unclaimed animals.

Recently, Governor Brown has announced his intention to repeal the Hayden Law as a cost-saving measure in the most recent State budget. The effects of such a repeal are innumerable and could lead to the hasty euthanization of lost animals before their owners can be found. The efforts to ensure humane treatment of animals by the animal rescue community will be set back more than 90 years if the Hayden Law were to be repealed. The City of Long Beach should take a firm position to oppose any reductions in funding that would adversely affect animal rescue efforts in the State of California.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no expected fiscal impact associated with the recommendation of this item.

Recommendation: **Respectfully request City Attorney to draft a resolution on behalf of the City of Long Beach to oppose any cuts, repeal and/or reduction of the Hayden Law.**



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: *February 9, 2012*

To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk

From: *Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell*

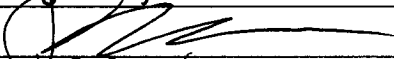
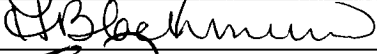

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of *February 14, 2012*

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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| Council District | Authorizing Councilmember | Signed by |
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