



Date: June 7, 2005
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Councilwoman Laura Richardson, Sixth District *L. Richardson*
Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: REQUEST TO ADOPT RESOLUTION OPPOSING CUTS TO IN-HOME SERVICES SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Background

Governor Ronald Reagan created the In-Home Supportive Services program in 1973. The program enables seniors and people with disabilities to live independently at home, rather than being force into nursing homes. Through the program, caregivers provide personal care services such as feeding, bathing, dressing, house cleaning, laundry and grocery shopping.

Over 380,00 elderly and disabled California residents rely on the In-Home Support Services program. Among these are over 7,000 Long Beach residents who benefit from these services. Additionally, the IHSS program serves as an alternative to much more costly and less desirable institutionalization. The estimated state's monthly cost for an IHSS case is \$1,800 compared to \$2,400 monthly costs for an intermediate care facility.

Many recipients rely on home care for their daily survival. The quality and integrity of the IHSS system is dependent upon attracting and retaining a qualified and skilled work force.

Proposed Action

The Long Beach City Council adopt a resolution opposing the Governor's proposed cuts to the In-Home Support Services program. A sample resolution has been attached.

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