

RESOLUTION NO. RES-15-0059

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF
ASSEMBLY BILL 88

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 88 (AB 88) was introduced by
California Assemblymember Gomez on January 7, 2015, and has been coauthored by,
among others, 70th District Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell;

WHEREAS, AB 88 establishes a sales and use tax exemption for any
energy or water efficient home appliance purchased by a public utility that is provided at
no cost to a low income participant in any federal, state, or ratepayer-funded energy
efficient program;

WHEREAS, among other laudable attributes, AB 88 would serve the goal of
insuring that the maximum number of families are served in federal, state and local
energy efficiency programs;

WHEREAS, appliance replacement programs currently serve too few of
those who qualify, and the established programs generally do not have the funds to
subsidize additional sales or use taxes required to be paid by the State Board of
Equalization;

WHEREAS, passage of AB 88 will serve to, among other things, further
California's environmental and energy efficiency goals by reducing energy and water
consumption, and will likewise provide for the safe recycling of old and inefficient
appliances which will help to reduce illegal dumping and ensure that various hazardous
components and materials are properly handled and disposed of, while at the same time
reducing costs for a greater number of low-income Californians;

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach has proven to be a leader in forming
partnerships with other agencies to adopt local and regional programs that promote

1 environmental conservation and which help drive down utility costs for families,
2 particularly as California is confronted with one of the most severe droughts on record,
3 and that the passage of AB 88 will further the interests of the City and its residents as
4 described above.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
6 follows:

7 Section 1. The City Council expresses its strong support for Assembly
8 Bill 88.

9 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
10 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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12 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
13 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of May 12, 2015, by the
14 following vote:

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16 Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Price, Supernaw, Mungo,
17 Andrews, Uranga, Austin, Richardson,
18 Lowenthal.

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20 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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22 Absent: Councilmembers: None.

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25 Pornon Davis
26 City Clerk
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