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June 23, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach to reaffirm the City's support of the Mayors for Peace vision of eliminating nuclear weapons by the year 2020.

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to your request of June 9, 2009, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By

AMY R. BURTON
Deputy City Attorney

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH TO REAFFIRM THE CITY'S
5 SUPPORT OF THE MAYORS FOR PEACE VISION OF
6 ELIMINATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY THE YEAR 2020

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8 WHEREAS, the past decade has seen no sign of the good faith
9 negotiations for the elimination of nuclear arsenals promised under the Nuclear Non-
10 Proliferation Treaty (NPT, 1970) and mandated by an unanimous advisory opinion of the
11 International Court of Justice in 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, the past decade has seen both horizontal (new countries in
13 possession) and vertical (new types of weapons) proliferation of nuclear weapons; and

14 WHEREAS, the development of nuclear bunker-busters, mini-nukes and
15 other usable nuclear weapons is increasing the probability that such weapons will be
16 used; and

17 WHEREAS, reliable news reports and public statements of national policy
18 have revealed that the taboo against the combat use of nuclear weapons is weakening;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, any violation of the taboo against the use of nuclear weapons
21 is extremely likely to stimulate further violations; and

22 WHEREAS, the use of even a small nuclear weapon could destroy a city,
23 killing up to one million people, or disable a megaport or destroy a nuclear power plant,
24 thereby severely damaging the global economy, and that a nuclear exchange of as few
25 as 100 nuclear explosions would plunge the world into ten years of cold and famine
26 resulting in up to one billion deaths; and

27 WHEREAS, the use of any nuclear weapon for any purpose whatsoever is
28 illegal and dangerous; and

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1 WHEREAS, it is vital to rapidly arouse the global public and create a
2 worldwide political climate in strong, unwavering support of the taboo against the use of
3 nuclear weapons; and

4 WHEREAS, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have since 2003 been
5 leading an emergency campaign to ban nuclear weapons but cannot afford to support the
6 entire global campaign on their own;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
8 follows:

9 Section 1. The City of Long Beach openly declares its support for the
10 Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year
11 2020.

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

14 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
15 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20__ by the
16 following vote:

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18 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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22 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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24 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk