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Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
333 W. Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mayor and City Council members:

I am writing in support of Councilmember Rex Richardson's recommendation to the Long Beach City Council to consider naming the newest library in Long Beach, located in the 9<sup>th</sup> Council District, after First Lady Michelle Obama.

As a former Long Beach City Councilmember, State Legislator and current U.S. Congressman representing the City of Long Beach, I believe that First Lady Michelle Obama exemplifies someone who is passionate about creating opportunities to inspire and educate youth throughout the nation. Mrs. Obama is a role model who shares her background and experiences and encourages students to reach their full potential.

A library is a centerpiece of a community, and thus is fitting to name after someone who is a champion for education and making a difference for our future.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Alan Lowenthal  
Member of Congress