

RESOLUTION NO. RES-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN OPPOSITION TO CUTS TO HOME HEALTH SERVICES PROPOSED FOR THE 2005-2006 STATE BUDGET

WHEREAS, there are thousands of persons in the Long Beach area and the State of California that depend on in-home support services;

WHEREAS, the California In-Home Support Services (IHSS) program was created by Governor Ronald Reagan in 1973 to enable seniors and people living with mental and physical disabilities to live independently in the community in their homes;

WHEREAS, approximately 335,000 seniors and people with disabilities rely on care through the IHSS program;

WHEREAS, approximately 332,000 home care workers provide home care services through the IHSS program;

WHEREAS, lowering state funding for home care worker wages to the minimum wage and eliminating funding for benefits will increase the already high turnover rate among home care workers;

WHEREAS, seniors and people with disabilities who can not find home care workers are more likely to be forced into nursing homes which can cost state taxpayers up to seven times more than in-home care;

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach opposes the proposed cuts to Home Care Services.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the members of the California Legislature representing

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1 the Long Beach area, and other officials, agencies, entities, and individuals as may be
2 deemed appropriate.

3 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the
4 City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

5 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
6 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2005, by the
7 following vote:

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9 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
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13 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
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15 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
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19 City Clerk