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Honorable Robert Garcia, Ed.D. Mayor, City of Long Beach 333 West Ocean Boulevard Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Support naming the new north branch library- the "Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library"

Dear Mayor Garcia,

I write in support of Councilmember Rex Richardson's motion in naming the new north branch library- the "Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library" that will come before the City Council on December 22nd.

Michelle Obama is the first African-American First Lady of the United States, and is a role model for women of all ages. She is a Harvard educated lawyer who has become an advocate for healthy lifestyles, education, and women. She would be a perfect person to name the new north branch library after.

In our communities today, we need role models for our youth. We need to show them that being a woman is much more than what is portrayed on television. We need to show them that they can be smart, educated, and passionate about what they believe in. We need to show them what they can become and then help them get there. Naming the north branch library the "Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library" is one way to achieve that goal.

The City of Long Beach has created a new and wonderful center for literacy and education. What a better way to celebrate its importance and celebrate our diversity than to name the building the "Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library".

I respectfully request you full consideration of Councilmember Rex Richardson's motion in naming the new north branch library the "Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library". If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office at (562) 529-3250. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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