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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-16-0025

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING THE CONVENTION
5 ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
6 DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

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8 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
9 Discrimination Against Women ("CEDAW"), a human rights treaty promoting gender
10 equity, was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979; and

11 WHEREAS, CEDAW defines what constitutes discrimination against
12 women and sets up an agenda for national action to end such discrimination; and

13 WHEREAS, CEDAW requires member parties to undertake to eliminate
14 discrimination against women in all its forms, including but not limited to the areas of
15 economic development, health and safety, and education; and

16 WHEREAS, 187 countries out of 193 United Nation member states have
17 ratified CEDAW, including Canada, Australia, Bangladesh, Mexico, China, and the United
18 Kingdom; and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Foreign Relations Committee voted in July
20 2002 to recommend ratification of CEDAW, but it has never come before the full Senate
21 for a vote; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States Census indicates a persistent wage gap
23 between men and women, and a perpetual difference not only between the wages
24 women are paid compared to those of men, but also the wages that women of different
25 races are paid compared to their male counterparts; and

26 WHEREAS, a number of cities in the United States have adopted local
27 legislation reflecting CEDAW principals to better inform local policy and empower
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1 communities to make policy changes necessary to lift more women out of poverty and
2 violence; and

3 WHEREAS, completing a gender analysis study will better gauge whether
4 current legislation relating to or having an impact on gender equity is effective and
5 whether more needs to be done in any area;

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

8 Section 1. The City of Long Beach hereby joins with other cities to
9 support the principals of CEDAW to improve the lives of girls and women in Long Beach.

10 Section 2. The City hereby requests a gender analysis study be
11 performed by a City Commission in collaboration with California State University, Long
12 Beach.

13 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
14 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of March 8, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Lowenthal, Price, Supernaw, Mungo, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Andrews.


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