

Recommendation Letter in Support of Agenda Item 22

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Dear City Clerk,

Please find attached a letter from The LGBTQ Center Long Beach in support of Agenda Item 22, recommending the recognition of March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility and reaffirming Long Beach as a safe city for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Best,

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of The LGBTQ Center Long Beach, I am writing to express our strong support for Agenda Item 22, which requests that the City Attorney draft a resolution officially recognizing March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Long Beach. Additionally, we commend the inclusion of language that reaffirms Long Beach as a safe city for transgender individuals and the LGBTQIA+ community.

At a time when the rights and protections of transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse individuals are increasingly under threat, we have deep concerns about ensuring their safety, dignity, and full inclusion in our community. These individuals continue to face discrimination, violence, and systemic barriers in healthcare, employment, and housing. By officially recognizing Transgender Day of Visibility and declaring Long Beach a safe city, we affirm that our city is a place where everyone is valued, supported, and protected.

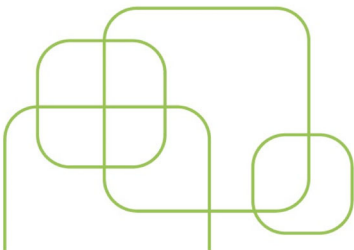
We are proud to support Councilwoman Cindy Allen of the Second District, Vice Mayor Roberto Uranga of the Seventh District, and Councilwoman Megan Kerr of the Fifth District in their efforts to champion this initiative. Their leadership and commitment to uplifting the voices and experiences of the transgender community are deeply appreciated and vital to fostering a culture of inclusion and respect in Long Beach.

The LGBTQ Center Long Beach remains committed to advocating for the rights and well-being of transgender individuals and the broader LGBTQIA+ community. We urge the City Council to pass this resolution and continue fostering a city that embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Thank you for your leadership in making Long Beach a place everyone can thrive.

Sincerely,

Ellie Perez
Executive Director
The LGBTQ Center Long Beach



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