

Date: March 18, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Cindy Allen, Councilwoman, Second District
Roberto Uranga, Vice Mayor, Seventh District
Megan Kerr, Councilwoman, Fifth District

Subject: Recognizing March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Long Beach and recognize the City of Long Beach as a Transgender Safe City

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to request that the City Attorney draft a resolution officially recognizing March 31st as Transgender Day of Visibility in the City of Long Beach and recognize the City of Long Beach as a safe city for transgender people and members of the LGBTQIA+ community, while also reaffirming the City of Long Beach's values as a safe and welcoming place for all members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

DISCUSSION

March 31st marks Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV), a day dedicated to raising awareness about the experiences, achievements, and ongoing struggles of transgender individuals. TDOV observance highlights the need for greater visibility, acceptance, and protection for the transgender community. This day is significant as attacks on transgender rights escalate. It is more critical than ever for Long Beach to follow cities that have already taken action to ensure safety, dignity, and equality for their transgender and LGBTQIA+ communities.

The current administration's policies have raised concerns about the rights and protections of transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse individuals. Recent executive orders have affected access to gender-affirming care, participation in sports, and military service for transgender individuals.

Long Beach has long been a hub for LGBTQ+ culture and activism, particularly along the Broadway Corridor, which has served as a cornerstone of the community for

decades. Home to numerous LGBTQ+-owned businesses, gathering spaces, and historic advocacy efforts, the corridor represents the city's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The City of Long Beach should be recognized as a safe city for transgender people and the broader LGBTQIA+ community, with a firm commitment to protecting transgender individuals from discrimination and harm. This ensures that access to services, equal employment opportunities, and other essential resources remain secure and uninterrupted, shielding the community from discriminatory policies.

As in many of its policy actions – such as raising the Progress Pride Flag and the Transgender Pride Flag at City Hall, and collecting sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data to help identify and address disparities in the LGBTQIA+ community – the city reaffirms its commitment to diversity, rejects discrimination, and promotes equal opportunity for all.. Now, under the current administration, it is more important than ever to unite and advocate for the protection of equal rights and legal protections for all.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Financial Management review was able to be conducted due to the urgency and time sensitivity of this item.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY

This item is being submitted through supplemental agenda due to the urgency and time sensitivity of this issue.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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