



Date: October 14, 2008

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

From: Dee Andrews, Councilmember Sixth District *DA*
Suja Lowenthal, Coouncilmember Second District *SL*
Gerrie Schipske, Councilmember Fifth District *GS*

Subject: Agenda Item: Resolution in support of Proposition 3

The Children's Hospital Bond Act, or Proposition 3, will provide \$980 million to California children's hospitals to help hospitals expand and renovate to make more room to treat more children, purchase life-saving medical equipment for the treatment of the most seriously ill and injured children in the state, and upgrade facilities to meet California's seismic standards. This designates that 80 percent of bond proceeds go to hospitals that focus on children with illnesses such as leukemia, cancer, heart defects, diabetes, sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrosis.

Miller Children's Hospital, Long Beach, a private, not for profit hospital, has been identified as meeting the eligibility criteria and will be able to apply for grant funding of up to \$98 million.

This November, Proposition 3 is on the state ballot and if adopted would provide the funds needed to complete patient towers under construction at Miller Children's Hospital, as well as expansions, renovations, and equipment purchases on Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU), Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICU), Emergency Departments, surgical suites, and cancer centers for over 13 California State children's hospitals. Many children receiving services in these hospitals are from low-income families and have significant health care needs.

Every day, California Children's Hospitals save lives. Children with leukemia, cancer, cystic fibrosis, heart disease, and traumatic injury are given a chance to live. There are 80% with leukemia that are surviving. There are 90% through are coming through delicate heart surgery. It gives the extremely ill youth in California the chance for a better life.

Recommendation:

It is respectfully recommended that the Long Beach City Council should take a position for the approval of Proposition 3 and that it request the City Attorney to draft a resolution expressing its support of Proposition 3 on the basis that this Council stands to provide more care to more children and that it re-affirms our support to effectively treat children's injuries, as well as seriously ill children.



City of Long Beach Memorandum
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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: 10/09/2008
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Dee Andrews, Council Member Sixth District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of _____
Oct. 14, 2008

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

*Resolution in support of
Proposition 3*

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
2	<i>[Signature]</i>	SUSA LOWENTHAL
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5	<i>[Signature]</i>	

Attachment: Staff Report dated _____

CC: Office of the Mayor