



**Date:** May 2, 2016

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *P. West*

**Subject:** Dedication Ceremony of the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library

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Attached for your information is an invitation sent to the First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama for the dedication ceremony of the Long Beach Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library per the City Council Action on Tuesday, December 22, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-6506.

cc: Charles Parkin, City Attorney  
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Patrick H. West, City Manager  
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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 21, 2016

The Honorable Michelle Obama  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington DC, 20500

**Re: Dedication Ceremony of the Long Beach Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library**

Dear Ms. Obama:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, it is my honor to invite you to a dedication ceremony to the Long Beach Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library in north Long Beach. This is a library that will serve a population of 90,000 people who collectively speak at least 13 languages, as well as an area that includes 17 schools. Long Beach will be in Washington, D.C. this April and would like the opportunity to meet with your staff to discuss the event, and explore a timeframe during the fall that would work with your schedule.

After hearing countless testimony, especially testimony from children who have shared their admiration of you and the President, the Long Beach City Council voted to name the new library in north Long Beach after you on December 22, 2015. Our purpose is to inspire a new generation of leaders to read, learn and grow into the positive potential that we know is in each one of our young people.

The Long Beach Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library will be a LEED certified facility that will be four times the size of the former library. Spanning 24,655-square-feet, this single-story facility will feature three community meeting rooms, a community patio, a story time space, displays for artwork, an expanded children's library and separate library areas for teens and adults. The building will showcase artistic glass walls and green foliage to face residences on Lime Avenue, and incorporate a reproduction of the former Atlantic Theatre tower. The original spire on the Atlantic Theatre tower was refurbished and has been placed atop this neighborhood icon.

It is our sincerest hope that you will be able to visit and read to a few of our neighborhood kids. North Long Beach is a diverse community where the median age is just 29 years old, and the majority of the population is a vibrant mix of African American, and Latino families. We would be honored to welcome you to our great City.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

Councilmember Rex Richardson  
Council District 9, City of Long Beach