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Long Beach, California

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Councilmember  
Fourth District

July 15, 2003

Mayor Beverly O'Neill  
Chair, Charter Amendment Committee  
Council Chamber, City Hall

Subject: Creation of a Long Beach Government Reform Task Force

Honorable Mayor,

I wish to thank Councilmember Dan Baker and Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga for bringing this matter before the Charter Amendment Committee. I am unable to attend today's Committee meeting because of a prior employment commitment.

I cannot support the creation of a Government Reform Committee at this time. The City budget and issues surrounding redevelopment should be the principal focus of the Council, City staff, and the Long Beach community. I am concerned that an open-ended exploration of government reform will dilute the attention and energy essential to completing the budget and resolving redevelopment issues. I encourage my colleagues to forego the creation of a Government Reform Committee at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis W. Carroll  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

CC: Councilmembers  
Jerry Miller, City Manager