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Memorandum

Date: June 1, 2018

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager

From: Glenda Williams, Director of Library Services

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Veterans Resource Center at Main Library**

The Long Beach Public Library will launch a Veterans Resource Center on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue. The Veterans Resource Center is a space equipped with a dedicated computer for veteran resources, private study rooms, and a collection of materials to assist veterans and their families.

Several special activities are planned on June 9th to celebrate the introduction of this wonderful new resource. A short ribbon-cutting ceremony will be followed by workshops, including a book discussion of the National Book Award-finalist, *Dark at the Crossing,* by Elliot Ackerman; an art workshop hosted by Richard Harvey; a songwriting workshop hosted by HomeFront Rising; and, a dance piece, "Every Soldier Has a Story," hosted by the Nannette Brodie Dance Theatre. All are open to veterans, their friends, and families. Detailed events for the day can be found at www.lbpl.org.

The Veterans Resource Center has been made possible through the Veterans Connect @ The Library program, and is the culminating event for Book-To-Action, sponsored by the California Center for the Book. Veterans Connect @ The Library works with California public libraries and the California Department of Veterans Affairs to help educate veterans and their families about the benefits and services available to them. By partnering with local veteran service organizations, the Long Beach Public Library aims to enrich the lives of local veterans.

If you have questions or comments about the Veterans Resource Center, please contact me at (562) 570-6016.

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Attachment

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Long Beach Public Library
Veterans Resource Center

LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

101 Pacific Ave, Long Beach, CA 90822

Saturday, June 9th, 2018

Launch @ 10:30 a.m., followed by workshops
Snacks provided

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