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To Whom it May Concern:

On August 13, 2019, the Santa Monica City Council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution endorsing Back from the Brink: The Call to Prevent Nuclear War, a 5-point set of commonsense policy solutions that would greatly reduce the real and immediate risks posed by nuclear weapons. This grassroots movement has been endorsed by 261 health, environmental, academic, peace, faith, and justice organizations and has resulted in resolutions by numerous states and municipalities.

These five policy solutions include:

- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first
- Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any president to launch a nuclear attack
- Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert
- Canceling the plans to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons
- Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals

The City of Santa Monica has a long tradition of supporting nuclear disarmament efforts, most recently by becoming a member city of Mayors for Peace in 2011 and designating Paul Conrad's Chain Reaction peace sculpture, a 26-foot-tall nuclear mushroom cloud made of chain links, a historic landmark in 2012. The City had also previously supported the 1982 nuclear freeze ballot initiative in California and initiated a Citizen's Task Force on Crisis Location Planning in 1983 in the event of a nuclear war, concluding that disarmament is the only way to protect the people of Santa Monica.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gleam Davis".

Gleam Davis  
Mayor