

RES15-006

Wilmington, Delaware
February 5, 2015

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
D. Brown**

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, has been nominated by President Barack Obama to be the Attorney General of the United States, the most powerful prosecutor in the country; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch, a graduate of Harvard College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1981, received a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch has had a distinguished career in private practice; as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York as a drug and violent-crime prosecutor; as the Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, heading the Brooklyn Office; and as the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, after being nominated by President Bill Clinton in 1999. It was during this term as the U.S. Attorney that Loretta Lynch oversaw the prosecution of New York police officers in the infamous Abner Louima case; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Lynch left the United States Attorney's Office in 2001, became a partner in the law firm of Hogan and Hartson, and also served as a member of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 2003 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2010, President Barack Obama nominated Loretta Lynch to serve again as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. In her second stint as the U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, Loretta Lynch made the office known for its terrorism prosecutions. In 2012, her office prosecuted individuals who had conspired to set off bombs in the subways, a plot federal officials called one of the most dangerous the city faced; and

WHEREAS, President Obama stated when he nominated Loretta Lynch to be the Attorney General that Loretta Lynch doesn't look to make headlines, she looks to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that Loretta Lynch is eminently qualified to be the Attorney General of the United States and would be the first African-American woman to hold that Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council urges Delaware's two Senators to vote yes to ratify the nomination of Loretta Lynch to be the next Attorney General of the United States.

Passed by City Council,
February 5, 2015

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 5th
day of February, 2015.

Damir Dhatmazon
Assistant City Solicitor