



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 8, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for AB 88 (Gomez) – Sales and use taxes: exemptions: energy or water efficient appliances

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 88 (Gomez). This bill would establish a sales and use tax exemption on energy and water efficient appliances that are purchased by a public utility and provided at no cost to low income participants that are enrolled in a federal, state, or ratepayer-funded energy efficient program.

AB 88 seeks to provide a sales and use tax exemption for energy or water efficient appliances provided free of cost to eligible low-income utility consumers. This bill would help further California's environmental and energy efficiency goals by reducing energy and water consumption, while reducing costs for a greater number of low-income Californians.

Long Beach, through the City's Gas & Oil Department, offers energy rebates to residential customers performing whole-house energy conservation projects that qualify under the Energy Upgrade California Program. These are in addition to rebates offered by SCE and LA County under the same program.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach has been in support of AB 88 and respectfully request your signature on AB 88 (Gomez).

Thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District