



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 28, 2015

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

**Re: Support for Assembly Bill 35 (Chiu and Atkins) – Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 35 (Chiu and Atkins). This bill would expand the State's Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) by \$300 million annually. The need for affordable housing exists in Long Beach, and with the dissolution of redevelopment, State and new local resources will be required.

The growing demand for housing development in California has resulted in an oversubscription to the State's affordable housing tax credit program, which is utilized by local developers. Further, recent changes to State law requires cities, and consequently developers, to focus affordable housing dollars on extremely low and very low income housing. While this type of housing is essential for many, it is also the most expensive type of housing in which to invest. Long Beach believes that AB 35 is one step forward in the right direction to providing affordable housing.

With these considerations in mind, the City of Long Beach, along with numerous local governments, support AB 35 and respectively requests your signature on AB 35 (Chiu and Atkins).

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, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District

