



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 6, 2015

The Honorable Mark Leno
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Senate Bill 3 (Leno) – Minimum wage: adjustment

Dear Senator Leno:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support Senate Bill 3 (Leno). This bill takes imperative steps to raise California's minimum wage which secures employee purchasing power now, and in the future.

Existing law increases minimum wage to \$10/ hour as determined by the Industrial Welfare Commission. SB 3 increases the minimum wage to not less than \$11 per hour by January 1, 2016, and to at least \$13 per hour by July 1, 2017. Additionally, the bill would require, commencing January 1, 2019, the annual automatic adjustment of the minimum wage based on the California Consumer Price Index. This base method has the potential to lift Californian workers out of poverty.

The City of Long Beach is committed to improving the lives of low-wage earners and to ensuring that workers receive fair wages. Increasing the statewide minimum wage is one tool to secure economic growth and stability. SB 3 allows Long Beach to keep our local commitment, and extends a consistent working wage to all hard-working women and men.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to support SB 3.

Sincerely,

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

