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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4126  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: Support for AB 2626 (Jones-Sawyer): Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training: procedural justice training**

Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 2626. This bill supports quality law enforcement and promotes greater community awareness within law enforcement agencies by requiring procedural justice and implicit bias training as a part of a peace officer's training. I am proud to share the City of Long Beach is home to numerous ethnic groups who add depth to our local culture and economy, and has already committed to implementing the same training that will be required by this bill in our City this year.

AB 2626 is consistent with local policies the Long Beach Police Department has adopted. The City of Long Beach is encouraged to learn that the legislation would require the State Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop and disseminate similar guidelines and training for peace officers on principled policing, which would include the subjects of procedural justice and implicit bias, similar to training that is being implemented in Long Beach.

Recently endorsed by the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing, procedural justice and implicit bias training provide positive reinforcement of the Long Beach Police Department's values and culture. This year, every Long Beach Police Officer will receive the first of a two-part in-house training on procedural justice and implicit bias. The curriculum was developed in partnership with private and non-profit organizations and will be the first of its kind in the Los Angeles/Orange County area. We are proud to be able to provide this training in an effort to continue to enhance the public's trust in our officers and Police Department.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 2626.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West  
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cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon  
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 Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District