September 25, 2015

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

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 288 (Holden) – the College and Career Access Pathways Act

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 288 (Holden). The development of College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships offers a broader range of students the opportunity to acquire core academic and career skills necessary to be successful in adult life.

Existing law places accessibility and availability restrictions on concurrent enrollment partnerships between local school districts and California community colleges. This legislation sensibly reforms concurrent enrollment partnerships policy with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to community college to help students achieve their educational and career goals.

Long Beach is a leader in career pathways. Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), Long Beach City College (LBCC), California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and the City of Long Beach have established a unique partnership to help our local students earn college degrees and certificates in preparation for rewarding lives and careers. Since our partnership began in 2008, LBUSD student graduation rates are increasing, remedial courses for English and Math are decreasing, and CSU Long Beach enrollment rates are rising. CCAP partnerships is one tool to support and prepare young adults for successful careers and productive lives.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 288, which has received unanimous votes in the Legislature, and respectfully requests your signature on AB 288 (Holden).

Thank you for considering this bill.

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, 56th District
    The Honorable Patrick O’Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District