



## MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 29, 2017

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2196  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for AB 485 (O'Donnell): Dogs and Cats: Adoption and Retail Sales**

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support Assembly Bill 485 (O'Donnell). This legislation would promote the adoption of animals from shelters and rescue groups and encourage humane practices in the purchase of dogs and cats offered for retail sale in California.

By prohibiting pet store owners from selling a live dog, cat, or rabbit in a pet store unless the animal was obtained from a public animal control agency, non-profit shelter, or rescue group, AB 485 prioritizes and encourages animal adoption. Additionally, AB 485 will eliminate the market for animals produced by inhumane puppy mill operations. This legislation is consistent with a local ordinance that is already in place in Long Beach.

Long Beach invests significant effort into placing animals in loving, humane environments, and promoting responsible pet ownership to reduce animal overpopulation. Since the adoption of our local ordinance, Long Beach is proud to have many local pet stores working with our shelter and local rescue groups to adopt out animals in need. It is with great pride that Long Beach celebrates the human-animal bond.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to support AB 485 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District