September 19, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1403 (Lara) – California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 1403 (Lara). This bill proposes to expand the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program to allow zero-and near-zero fueling and charging strategies as projects to be eligible for funding. The Long Beach City Council voted to support legislation related to issues faced by port truck drivers on February 20, 2018. Support for this bill is a natural extension of the City’s dedication to creating a cleaner environment and healthier communities for all our residents.

The City of Long Beach has a vested interest in improving air quality for the health and well-being of our residents. Home to the Port of Long Beach, and adjacent to the Port of Los Angeles, Long Beach residents live among the nation’s busiest goods movement corridors. The amount of truck traffic that is needed to transport goods is significant. Thus, many of the communities along transportation corridors in Long Beach tend to experience adverse health effects associated with air pollution.

By supporting projects that can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions along transportation corridors, SB 1403 has the potential to positively impact public health in Long Beach.

Given these reasons, the City requests your signature on SB 1403.

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 Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O’Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District