



## MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

August 16, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5050  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for SB 174 (Lara) - Public utilities: settlement: 2015 power outages: City of Long Beach**

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in strong support of SB 174 (Lara). This legislation is needed to transfer penalties paid by Southern California Edison (SCE) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for unexpected power outages in the City of Long Beach from July 15 to July 20, 2015, and July 30 to August 3, 2015, to the City of Long Beach for public infrastructure projects that promote energy efficiency in the areas affected by the power outages.

SCE's multiple-day power outages adversely impacted 30,000 customers during the summer of 2015. As a result of these events, the City of Long Beach has been made aware SCE will soon enter into a Settlement Agreement with the CPUC. Because the CPUC does not currently have the authority to transfer settlement funds to the affected local government – in this case, the City of Long Beach – State legislation is necessary.

SB 174 enables the CPUC to transfer penalty funds paid by SCE to the CPUC, to the City of Long Beach for the benefit of communities affected by the power outages in 2015. This bill is needed to coincide with the CPUC's approval of the Settlement Agreement so that resources benefiting the affected community can be immediately available to the communities directly impacted by SCE's power outages.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to sponsor SB 174. Thank you for authoring this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

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