



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

July 14, 2020

The Honorable Kevin McCarty
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2136
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1506 (McCarty): Police Use of Force

Dear Assemblymember McCarty,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support Assembly Bill 1506 (McCarty). This bill proposes to establish the Statewide Officer-Involved Deadly Force Investigation Division within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to review local law enforcement agency's use of force policies and incidents of use of force. The Division aligns with the City's efforts to evaluate systems instigating racial injustice.

In response to the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, 2020, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to adopt a "Framework for Reconciliation," to engage in a public listening process, internal policy review, and local action plan to address racial injustice in Long Beach. An integral part of the Framework is considering ways to reform the Long Beach Police Department's (LBPD) use of force policy. The LBPD, a national leader in advancing diversity and equity, has already adopted innovative training methods to build trust and promote community engagement. In an effort to reduce use of force, the LBPD emphasizes de-escalation techniques. Where use of force is necessary to control any given situation, it must be reasonable. An independent resource to evaluate use of force, as AB 1506 proposes to establish, would be useful in furthering the intent of the City's Framework statewide.

The City supports legislative efforts to pursue multi-sector collaborative approaches to violence prevention and public safety. AB 1506 proposes a valuable resource for local law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the DOJ to improve public safety statewide.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1506 (McCarty).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a white background.

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District