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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1080 (Gonzalez) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1080 (Gonzalez). On April 9, 2019, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to support SB 54. In recognition that AB 1080 and SB 54 are substantively similar, the City also supports AB 1080. This legislation proposes to require at least 75 percent of the State's distributed single-use products be source reduced or recycled by 2030. The City that is committed to environmental responsibility and supports AB 1080.

As a coastal city with seven miles of beaches and two rivers, the City recognizes the impact of consumer products to the environment. For this and other health reasons, in May 2018, the Long Beach City Council unanimously approved the addition of Chapter 8.63 to its Municipal Code prohibiting businesses from using single-use food and beverage containers made of polystyrene, non-recyclable and non-compostable materials for prepared food distribution. One year later, and as of May 2019, 60 food providers in Long Beach have been recognized for supporting a Foam Free Long Beach. By December 3, 2019, the City will ensure all food providers use food containers that are free of polystyrene and rigid polystyrene #6 and are recyclable or compostable. The City recognizes this as being one step forward to addressing a larger issue involving waste, which AB 1080 does.

The City supports legislation that promotes an environmentally responsible approach to consumerism with the intent of reducing packaging waste and single-use disposable goods. The City intends to work with Cal Recycle to implement actions designed to reasonable phase out distribution of single-use disposables. AB 1080 provides a mechanism to facilitate this effort and is essential to the preserving the State's environment.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1080 (Gonzalez).

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
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