



Date: December 10, 2018

To: State Legislative Committee Members

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager 

**Subject: Long Beach State Legislative Bill Positions and Final Outcomes in 2018**

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### **Summary**

The City of Long Beach (City) took a position on 32 pieces of legislation in the 2018 State Legislative Session.

Of the 21 bills the City supported:

- 15 were enacted and will become State law;
- 2 were adopted by the State Legislature but vetoed by the Governor; and
- 4 failed passage in the State Legislature.

Of the 11 bills the City opposed:

- 8 failed passage in the State Legislature; and
- 3 were enacted and will become State law.

A description of each bill and its outcome in 2018 is below. Attached for information, are the most recent letters of support and opposition that were sent on behalf of the City on these proposals.

### **Land Use and Housing**

**Opposition to AB 2890 (Ting) – Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units.** This bill would limit a local government's ability to set standards on parking, height, size, and setback requirements to accessory dwelling units (ADU) where zoning exists for single-family and multifamily dwellings and would allow more than one ADU. It also requires a city consider for approval an ADU permit despite not having an ordinance within 60 days, otherwise the ADU permit is deemed approved without city action. The City opposed this bill due to concerns about the quality of ADU not permitted through the standard City process. AB 2890 failed passage from committee.

**Opposition to SB 1469 (Skinner) – Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units.** This bill was substantially similar to AB 2890 and proposed to limit a local government's ability to set standards on parking, height, size, and setback requirements to accessory dwelling units (ADU) where zoning exists for single-family and multifamily dwellings and would allow more than one ADU. The bill also required a city consider for approval an ADU permit despite not having an ordinance within 60 days, otherwise the ADU permit is deemed approved without city action. The City opposed this bill due to concerns about the quality of ADU not permitted through the standard City process. SB 1469 failed passage from the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Opposition to SB 831 (Wieckowski) – Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units.** This bill proposed to remove a local government's ability to set lot-coverage percentage standards and limits the local government's ability to consider square footage of a lot for calculating allowable floor-to-area ration or lot-coverage ratio for approval of an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) through its local ordinance. The bill proposed to prohibit a city from requiring replacement of off-street parking when garages or carports are demolished for construction of ADU in zoning areas for single-family and multifamily dwellings. SB 831 would have allowed for the ministerial approval of junior ADUs and prohibits both an ADU and junior ADU built on a single-family lot from triggering a reassessment of the value of the underlying land and structures as well as calculation of fees charged by a local agency for new development. The City opposed this bill due to concerns about the quality of ADU not permitted through the standard City process. SB 831 failed passage from Assembly Committee on Local Government.

**Opposition to SB 827 (Wiener) – Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus.** The Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 827 on March 6, 2018. This bill would qualify housing projects for exemptions from maximum controls on residential density or floor-area ratio, minimum parking requirements, maximum building height limits, and design standards, if they fall within a ½ mile radius from a major transit stop or ¼ mile from a high-quality transit corridor. The City opposed this bill as it would preempt the community's ability to provide input on proposed housing developments, change the character of Long Beach neighborhoods, and increase density at an uncontrollable rate. SB 827 failed passage from Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

**Opposition to AB 2162 (Chiu) – Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Supportive Housing.** This bill requires local governments to approve supportive housing in areas zoned for multifamily and mixed-use on a by-right basis, including emergency shelters. This bill also limits local government's ability to impose any minimum parking requirements for such units if a development is within one half mile of a public transit stop. While supporting the construction of supportive housing, the City opposed this bill as it would preempt local control. AB 2162 was signed into law as Chapter 753, Statutes of 2018.

**Opposition to SB 828 (Wiener) – Land Use: Housing Element.** This bill changes the methodology for the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), as well as moves RHNA closer to becoming a housing production mandate. While the City understands the need for more housing, it opposed this bill as it creates a blanket mandate. SB 828 was signed into law as Chapter 974, Statutes of 2018.

## **Cannabis**

**Support for SB 1294 (Bradford) – Cannabis: State and Local Equity Programs.** This bill requires the Bureau of Cannabis Control to provide grants, upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to local jurisdictions to assist equity applicants and licensees in gaining entry to and successfully operating in the cannabis marketplace. The City supported this bill as it advances the goals of social equity by supporting local efforts to promote equal opportunity in the cannabis industry. SB 1294 was signed into law as Chapter 794, Statutes of 2018.

### **Economic Development**

**Support for AB 427 (Muratsuchi) – California’s Aerospace Commission.** AB 427 proposed to establish a 17-member California Aerospace and Aviation Commission. The City supported this bill as it could have had a positive impact on Long Beach’s aerospace business community. The Governor vetoed AB 427, asserting that the bill would “create a new bureaucracy that replicates many of the things the state is already doing.”

**Support for AB 2404 (O’Donnell) – Oil Trust Fund.** This bill proposed to remove the cap on the State’s Oil Trust Fund. The City supported this bill as a means to ensure adequate funds for abandonment and decommissioning operations once oil production ceases. AB 2404 failed passage from the Senate Appropriations Committee for non-policy related reasons, after having received unanimous votes on support in the Assembly, and from the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

### **Education**

**Support for AB 1951 (O’Donnell) – Pupil Assessments: Pathways to College Act.** This bill proposed to allow superintendents to select a recognized college preparedness assessment that school boards can elect to administer to high school students in place of previously required standardized testing and post resulting individual test scores on the pertinent Board of Education website. The City supported this bill as it removes a barrier for students who may not otherwise have access to college preparedness exams. The Governor vetoed AB 1951, stating that he is “not convinced that replacing the state’s high school assessment with the Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test achieves [improved student access and reduction of ‘test fatigue’].” He instead supports the improvement of the existing grade 11 state assessment.

### **Gun Control**

**Support for SB 1346 (Jackson) – Firearms: Multiburst Trigger Activators.** This bill will help reduce gun violence by including bump fire stock and attachments in the definition of prohibited multiburst trigger activators not to be manufactured, imported, sold, or transferred in the State of California. The City supported this bill as it would promote public safety and reduce the number of military style magazines in California. SB 1346 was signed into law as Chapter 795, Statutes of 2018.

**Support for AB 2930 (Santiago) – Unlawful Detainer: Nuisance: Unlawful Weapons and Ammunition.** This bill extends the City’s authority to file an action for an unlawful detainer, or eviction, to abate nuisance caused by illegal conduct involving unlawful weapons or ammunition in Long Beach homes. The City supported this bill since the current law has been effective in abating the potential threat of violence caused by illegal weapons and ammunition. AB 2930 was signed into law as Chapter 880, Statutes of 2018.

### **Homelessness**

**Support for AB 3171 (Ting) – Homeless Persons Services Block Grant.** This bill would establish a Local Homelessness Solutions Program and create the Local Homelessness Solutions Account for the purposes of providing funding to cities to create innovative and

immediate solutions to the problems caused by homelessness. The City supported this bill as it provides an opportunity to further innovative solutions that may help individuals experiencing homelessness maintain a successful transition to permanent housing. AB 3171 failed passage from Assembly committee but was incorporated into the Governor's budget, and has provided the City with \$12.3 million in Fiscal Year 2019.

**Support for SB 912 (Beall) – Housing: Homelessness Programs and Affordable Housing.** This bill originally proposed to allocate \$2 billion from the State General Fund to the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist with housing in two ways: (1) through new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing benefiting persons with incomes up to 60 percent of the area median income; and (2) to address youth homelessness and provide housing assistance for domestic violence survivors. The City supported the original version of SB 912 as it would have provided significant funds to address housing and homelessness as related issues. The bill was gut and amended to be about management compensation at the end of the legislative session. SB 912 was signed into law as Chapter 661, Statutes of 2018.

**Support for SB 918 (Wiener) – Homeless Youth Act of 2018.** This bill establishes the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (Council) to facilitate agency partnerships, develop an integrative data system, and coordinate funding to end youth homelessness. The City supported this bill because it provides additional resources to assist youth with achieving self-sufficiency through housing and supportive services. SB 918 was signed into law as Chapter 841, Statutes of 2018.

### **Human Resources**

**Support for SB 1402 (Lara) – Labor Contracting: Customer Liability.** The Long Beach City Council voted to support legislation that improves working conditions for port truck drivers and thus SB 1402 on February 20, 2018. This bill offers whistleblower protections to port drayage truck drivers who notify the Labor Commissioner of work violations or file a claim or civil action against a customer of port drayage services or the motor carrier employer. The City supports this bill because it prevents wage theft and other work violations in the goods movement and trucking industry. SB 1402 was signed into law as Chapter 702, Statutes of 2018.

### **Immigration**

**Support for AB 2090 (Gonzalez Fletcher) – Guardianships: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.** This bill includes "parent" in the definition of "relative" for purposes of defining who may petition a court for guardianship of a person who is ward of the court past the age of 18 but under 21. It builds upon existing state law by clarifying a protection for young adults who have found themselves in the juvenile dependency court system through allegations of abuse or neglect against one of their parents. The City supports this bill because it supports services to youth in foster care and values the economic and cultural diversity contributions that families with immigrant household members bring. AB 2090 was signed into law as Chapter 209, Statutes of 2018.

### **Public Health**

**Support for AB 2591 (O'Donnell) – Acute Care Hospitals: Seismic Safety.** This bill proposed to extend the deadline for meeting State seismic compliance requirements for existing hospital operations, inclusive of the eight basic services and psychiatric care at Community Hospital of Long Beach. AB 2591 failed passage out of Assembly Committee on Health due to a lack of a seismic compliance plan and financial plan to pay for seismic improvements at the time the bill was heard.

**Support for AB 2943 (Low) – Unlawful Business Practices: Sexual Orientation Change Efforts.** This bill proposed to classify sexual orientation change efforts, commonly known as conversion therapy, as an unlawful business practice prohibited under the Consumer Legal Remedies Act. The City supported this bill as it is committed to the protection and inclusion of all LGBTQ individuals. AB 2943 was withdrawn by the author and failed passage from the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

**Support for SB 212 (Jackson) – Solid Waste: Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship.** This bill would establish a pharmaceutical and sharps stewardship program, under which each manufacturer of covered drugs or sharps in the state would be required to establish and implement a pharmaceutical and sharps waste stewardship program. The City supported this bill as it would meet the City- and statewide demand for safe disposal. SB 212 was signed into law as Chapter 1004, Statutes of 2018.

**Support for SB 1192 (Monning) – Children's Meals.** This bill sets nutritional standards pertaining to drinks offered with children's meals at restaurants, requiring the default beverage be water or milk with no more than 130 calories per serving. The City supported this bill as limiting the number of sugary beverages offered with children's meals contributes to the overall health and well-being of our communities. SB 1192 was signed into law as Chapter 608, Statutes of 2018.

### **Public Safety**

**Support for SCR 159 (Bates and Lara) – Long Beach Fire Captain David Rosa Memorial Highway.** This resolution designates a portion of Interstate-5 between Camino Las Ramblas and the Ortega Highway in the County of Orange as the Long Beach Fire Captain David Rosa Memorial Highway. SCR 159 was signed into law as Chapter 234, Statutes of 2018.

**Support for AB 2191 (O'Donnell) - Ocean Protection Council: White Shark Population Monitoring and Beach Safety Program.** This bill proposes to establish a White Shark Population Monitoring and Beach Safety Program to award grants to academic institutions engaged in, and local agencies assisting with, research regarding white sharks, as well as to local agencies engaged in operations to promote public safety on California's beaches. AB 2191 failed passage from Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, but was incorporated as part of the Fiscal Year 2019 budget, providing \$175 million to ocean and coastal protection.

### **Water Quality**

**Opposition to AB 3014 (Quirk) - Brake Friction Materials: Copper Limits: High Performance Road and Track Capable Vehicle Exemption.** This bill would exempt the brake friction materials of high performance road and track capable vehicles, including motorcycles, from the prohibition against the sale of motor vehicle brake friction materials containing more than 5 percent copper by weight on and after January 1, 2021. The City opposed this bill as copper from brake friction materials are a regulated storm water contaminant. AB 3014 failed passage from the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality.

### **Sustainability**

**Support for SB 1403 (Lara) - California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program.** This bill expands 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 this bill on February 20, 2018 as it has the potential to positively impact public health in Long Beach. SB 1403 was signed into law as Chapter 370, Statutes of 2018.

**Support for AB 2110 (Eggman) - Electronics: Right to Repair Act.** This bill proposed to require the original manufacturer of electronic equipment and parts to provide diagnostic and repair information to independent repair providers. This bill would have applied to all equipment that is no longer manufactured for up to five years after the date the manufacturer ceases to produce the equipment. The City supported this bill as it would have helped reduce e-waste by facilitating the repair of electronic items at a fair market price. AB 2110 failed passage from the Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection.

**Support for SB 1335 (Allen) – Solid Waste: Food Service Packaging: State Agencies, Facilities, and Property.** This bill proposed to require a state-owned food service facility to dispense prepared food to a customer using food service packaging that is deemed appropriate by the Director of the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovering to be reusable, recyclable and/or compostable. The City supported this bill as it is in line with the City of Long Beach's efforts to reduce single-use packaging in our City. SB 1335 was signed into law as Chapter 610, Statutes of 2018.

**Opposition to AB 2921 (Low) – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Packaging Recovery and Recycling Act.** This bill proposed to grant polystyrene food packaging manufacturers immunity from various anti-trust and unfair competition laws. The City opposed this bill since it goes against the environmental values of the City and the City's local ordinance banning polystyrene citywide. AB 2921 failed passage from Assembly Committee on Natural Resources.

### **Transportation**

**Opposition for AB 2806 (Oberholte) – Vehicles: Electric Charging Station Violations: Exceptions.** This bill would allow vehicles with disability license plates or placards to park in designated electrical vehicle charging area if that vehicle is being used to help unload a person with a disability through use of a lift, ramp, or other assistive device. The City opposed this bill

due to its conflation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking with Electric Vehicle (EV) parking, which would provide parking spaces for ADA use. It would also undermine the City's adopted electric vehicle infrastructure expansion plan. AB 2806 failed passage from Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

**Opposition to Assembly Bill 2989 (Flora): Standup Electric Scooters.** This bill allows a local government to authorize the operation of a motorized scooter on streets with a speed limit of up to 35 miles per hour. The bill also allows local governments to require the operator wear a helmet, but only if the operator of a motorized scooter is under the age of 18. AB 2989 was signed into law as Chapter 552, Statutes of 2018.

**Opposition to AB 2544 (Lackey) – Parking Violations.** This bill preempts cities from collecting unpaid parking citations regardless of the date on which the ticket was issued unless the city is fully compliant with AB 503. The City opposed this bill as it makes AB 503 retroactive and broadens the availability of fee waivers. AB 2544 was signed into law as Chapter 494, Statutes of 2018.

**Support for AB 2363 (Friedman) – Zero Traffic Fatalities Tax Force.** This bill establishes the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force. The City supported this bill as it would promote a safe transportation environment for all drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists. AB 2363 was signed into law as Chapter 650, Statutes of 2018.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-6506.

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Charles Parkin, City Attorney  
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All Department Directors  
Rebecca Jimenez, Assistant to the City Manager  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

June 26, 2018

The Honorable Philip Ting,  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill 2890 (Ting): Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units

Dear Assemblyman Ting:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to respectfully oppose Assembly Bill 2890 (Ting). This bill proposes to limit a local government's ability to set standards on parking, height, size, and setback requirements to accessory dwelling units (ADU) where zoning exists for single-family and multifamily dwellings. AB 2890 requires a city consider for approval an ADU permit despite not having an ordinance within 60 days, otherwise the ADU permit is deemed approved without city action.

Long Beach understands the need to address California's housing crisis. The City recently updated our ADU ordinance to increase our housing stock and safely permit dwelling units. Whereas in 2016, zero ADU permits were issued, Long Beach issued 21 new permits in 2017. As we near the end of the first quarter of 2018, 22 new ADU permits have already been issued and 98 new ADU applications are pending approval contingent upon cleared building safety inspections.

As the City continues to add more ADUs to our housing stock, it is essential these dwellings be permitted through a process that ensures building safety and availability of essential public services such as police, fire, parks, and utilities. These public services contribute to quality of life for our residents—something that the City of Long Beach values highly. While the City understands the urgency of resolving the California housing crisis, this must be done in a responsible manner. AB 2890 puts our residents' quality of life at risk.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes AB 2890 (Ting).

Sincerely,



Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Phil Ting, State Assembly, 19<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
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May 4, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2059  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Opposition to Senate Bill 1469 (Skinner): Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units**

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to respectfully oppose Senate Bill 1469 (Skinner). This bill proposes to limit a local government's ability to set standards on parking, height, size, and setback requirements to accessory dwelling units (ADU) where zoning exists for single-family and multifamily dwellings. SB 1469 requires a city consider for approval an ADU permit despite not having an ordinance within 60 days, otherwise the ADU permit is deemed approved without city action.

Long Beach understands the need to address California's housing crisis. The City recently updated our ADU ordinance to increase our housing stock and safely permit dwelling units. Whereas in 2016, zero ADU permits were issued, Long Beach issued 21 new permits in 2017. As we near the end of the first quarter of 2018, 22 new ADU permits have already been issued and 98 new ADU applications are pending approval contingent upon cleared building safety inspections.

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Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes SB 1469 (Skinner).

Sincerely,

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June 19, 2018

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4085  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Opposition to Senate Bill 831 (Wieckowski): Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units**

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to respectfully but strongly oppose Senate Bill 831 (Wieckowski). This bill proposes to delete a local government's ability to set lot-coverage percentage standards, and limits the local government's ability to consider square footage of a lot for calculating allowable floor-to-area ratio or lot-coverage ratio for approval of an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) through its local ordinance. The bill also prohibits an agency from requiring replacement of off-street parking when garages or carports are demolished for construction of ADU in zoning areas for single-family and multifamily dwellings. SB 831 additionally provides for the ministerial approval of junior ADUs and prohibits both an ADU and junior ADU built on a single-family lot from triggering a reassessment of the value of the underlying land and structures as well as calculation of fees charged by a local agency for new development.

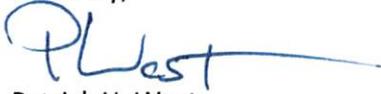
Long Beach understands the need to address California's housing crisis and the important role ADUs may play in helping alleviate the crisis. The City recently updated our ADU ordinance to increase our housing stock and safely permit dwelling units. Whereas in 2016, zero ADU permits were issued, Long Beach issued 21 new permits in 2017. A total of 29 new ADU permits have been issued in 2018, and 102 new ADU applications are pending approval contingent upon cleared building safety inspections. However, Long Beach has identified within its Housing Element (adopted 2013-2021) a great need for fully independent family units. The ministerial approval of junior ADUs to be imposed on cities like Long Beach would limit the available space to create suitable living quarters for the City's greatest housing need. Further, with SB 831, the City would be limited in its ability to properly assess development fees as more ADUs are permitted citywide. This approach limits overall resources for the City and fails to support quality of life.

As the City continues to add more ADUs to our housing stock, it is essential these dwellings be permitted through a process that ensures building safety and availability of essential public services such as police, fire, parks, and utilities. These public services contribute to quality of life for our residents. While the City understands the urgency of resolving the California housing crisis, this must be done in a responsible manner. SB 831 ignores these important considerations.

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Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes SB 831 (Wieckowski).

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2018

The Honorable Scott Weiner  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4066  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Opposition to Senate Bill 827 (Wiener): Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the Long Beach City Council, I write to respectfully oppose Senate Bill 827 (Wiener). On March 6, 2018, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 827. While Long Beach understands the need to address the housing crisis in California, we believe there are more nuanced opportunities at the local level to balance neighborhood needs and land use decisions.

To this end, the Long Beach City Council recently adopted our newest Land Use Element (LUE), including an Urban Design Element (UDE) PlaceType and Height maps. This action was part of the City's comprehensive effort to update the City's General Plan and advance the City's position as a regional center of commerce, industry, tourism, recreation and culture. The City also intends to use guidance provided by the City Council through the Land Use Element to protect residential, commercial, industrial, public and institutional areas from the intrusion of incompatible land uses.

Long Beach values livability, walkability and access to transit. Unfortunately, as proposed, SB 827 would hinder the City's ability to responsibly plan developments, programs and public infrastructure to support a more sustainable and livable city by setting statewide planning and zoning guidelines that would exempt certain housing projects in Long Beach from:

- Maximum controls on residential density or floor area ration;
- Minimum parking requirements;
- Maximum building height limits; and
- Design standards.

The bill would apply to the majority of Long Beach, as just about every neighborhood in our City is within a ½ mile radius of a major transit stop or a ¼ mile of a high-quality transit corridor. In effect, this bill would preempt the community's current ability to provide input on proposed housing developments, change the character of Long Beach neighborhoods and increase density at an

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uncontrollable rate – essentially reversing the balanced approach to land use management, which was recently adopted by the Long Beach City Council.

Through responsible local land use decisions, Long Beach has been able to cultivate a unique and diverse urban fabric over the years. Long Beach also leads the region in support for affordable housing. We are proud to share that over the past 10 years, the City has facilitated the production of 1,778 new affordable units, preserved 2,093 existing units, and rehabilitated 367 units. Long Beach has also supported 335 first-time homebuyers with silent second mortgages.

SB 827 is an egregious usurping of local authority, and would undermine advancements in housing, commercial developments, sustainable transportation and other essential components of a successful urban City.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes SB 827 (Wiener).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P West". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the word "West".

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May 1, 2018

The Honorable David Chiu  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4112  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill 2162 (Chiu): Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Supportive Housing**

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to respectfully oppose Assembly Bill 2162 (Chiu). This bill proposes to require local governments to approve of supportive housing in areas zoned for multifamily and mixed-use on a by-right basis. This bill also limits the local government's ability to impose any minimum parking requirements for such units if a development is within one half mile of a public transit stop. While the City recognizes the value of supportive housing for individuals overcoming addiction, it is important to balance these needs with those a healthy and vibrant economic environment that serves the diverse needs of the Long Beach community.

The City of Long Beach has cultivated a unique and diverse urban fabric over the years. This is due in part to our City planners who follow a careful, yet expeditious process that evaluates planned residential and commercial uses on a case by case basis, and who manage compliance based on locally established zoning ordinances and planning overlay documents. In contrast, AB 2162 would require the City to allow for supportive housing without discretionary consideration.

Long Beach does not currently engage in by-right zoning because this approach does not facilitate building safety, or consider the capacity for immediate public infrastructure to support additional demand for services. AB 2162 is well-intended, but the by-right approach disrupts the current processes by which governments have been able to support a thriving economy, low-unemployment rate and new housing developments.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes AB 2162 (Chiu).

Sincerely,



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September 18, 2018

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

**RE: Opposition to SB 828 (Wiener): Land Use: Housing Element**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in strong opposition to Senate Bill 828 (Wiener). This legislation proposes to make two significant changes with respect to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). First, SB 828 proposed to change the methodology for establishing RHNA; and second, SB 828 proposes to utilize RHNA as a housing production *mandate*.

While the City appreciates the need for RHNA as a housing production target, the way in which RHNA is established could be improved. Long Beach is encouraged this conversation has begun within the State Legislature. However, it is concerning that changes to the RHNA methodology were added to SB 828 on the last day of the State Legislative Session to amend a bill. Any change in the methodology for establishing RHNA is a significant change in the way housing production targets impact cities, and should be done in a systematic and transparent process with ample input from local jurisdictions.

With that said, the most egregious aspect of SB 828, and on which the City of Long Beach's opposition primarily lies, is with respect to the proposal to make RHNA a housing production mandate on cities, as opposed to a tool that can be used to plan for and maintain housing to meet a city's spectrum of housing needs. Existing State law, in Government Code Section 65584 (2) makes it clear that cities "should undertake all necessary actions to encourage, promote, and facilitate the development of housing to accommodate the entire regional housing need." This code section acknowledges the reality that future housing production "may not equal" the housing need established for the planning process. SB 828 proposes to strike this portion of existing State law and replaces it with a requirement that cities take "reasonable actions to ensure that future housing production meet, at a minimum, the regional housing need established for planning purposes." In doing so, SB 828 fails to recognize the reality that cities do not build housing, developers building housing; and the housing market is heavily influenced by regional economies.

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While the City of Long Beach supports the development of affordable housing, as evidenced by the 1,778 new affordable units that have been built, 2,093 existing units that have been preserved, and 367 units that have been rehabilitated in Long Beach over the last 10 years, the City strongly opposes SB 828, and requests your veto on this bill.

Sincerely,



Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

CC: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2018

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

**RE: Support for SB 1294 (Bradford): Cannabis: State and Local Equity Programs**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of SB 1294 (Bradford). This bill proposes to require the Bureau of Cannabis Control provide grants, upon appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to local jurisdictions to assist equity applicants and licensees in gaining entry to and successfully operating in the cannabis marketplace. The City of Long Beach recognizes social equity as a core focus of cannabis policymaking and supports equal opportunity in the cannabis industry.

On July 10, 2018, as part of a Commercial Adult-Use Cannabis Business Ordinance, the Long Beach City Council adopted a Cannabis Social Equity Program ("Equity Program"). The Equity Program provides benefits and assistance to individuals and communities most impacted by the criminalization of cannabis. The Equity Program will be coordinated by the Office of Cannabis Oversight, the Office of Equity, and the Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network. The Equity Program will provide two major benefits to participants: (1) Equity Business Ownership Assistance and (2) Employment Opportunities.

The Equity Program will help participants open a cannabis business by providing fee waivers, expedited application and plan check review, business license tax deferrals, and application workshops. The Equity Program will also provide additional support by requiring all non-equity cannabis businesses to submit plans on how they intend to support equity businesses and disadvantaged Long Beach communities. With respect to employment opportunities, the Equity Program will require all non-equity cannabis businesses to ensure that at least 40% of total annual work hours are performed by program participants.

SB 1294 will further advance the goals of social equity by supporting local efforts to promote equal opportunity in the cannabis industry. Through these efforts, California can become the model for other states looking to regulate the cannabis industry in a fair and responsible manner.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1294 (Bradford) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
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September 19, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
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**RE: Support for AB 427 (Muratsuchi): California's Aerospace Commission**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 427 (Muratsuchi). AB 427 proposes to establish a 17-member California Aerospace and Aviation Commission, which could have a positive impact on Long Beach's aerospace business community.

As you may be aware, the City of Long Beach has enjoyed a long history of successful aviation and aerospace entrepreneurship. Presently, the City is home to some of the nation's premier private commercial companies such as Gulfstream and Virgin Orbit. Gulfstream alone supports more than 850 jobs in Long Beach. Virgin Orbit, another Long Beach based aerospace company, has broken new ground in the industry by launching small satellites into orbit, touting it as "the small satellite revolution."

As the aerospace industry evolves, the City expects a Commission such as the one proposed by AB 427 will play an important role by making recommendations on legislative and administrative actions that may be necessary to maintain or improve the industry in California. As the industry in Long Beach has significant institutional knowledge that can benefit the Commission, we support AB 427 and urge the Commission to be inclusive of our region's industry partners.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 427 (Muratsuchi) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

May 1, 2018

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

**RE: Support for AB 2404 (O'Donnell): Oil Trust Fund**

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, thank you for introducing Assembly Bill 2404 (O'Donnell). AB 2404 is necessary to remove the cap on the State's Oil Trust Fund. These funds are essential to responsible oil operations in Long Beach, as they will be used for well abandonment, pipeline removal, remediation, and other costs associated with removal of oil and gas facilities within State lands that are held in trust by the City, for the State of California.

As you know, the State's Oil Trust Fund reached its cap in June 2014 and has not grown since. Meanwhile, the State's share of oil abandonment liability has grown; it is currently estimated at \$836 million. By lifting the current \$300 million cap, AB 2404 will help close the estimated \$536 million-dollar shortfall on the State's share of abandonment liability.

For over 75 years, Long Beach has safely conducted domestic oil production on behalf of the State with an unblemished safety record. As a responsible operator, and in partnership with the California State Lands Commission, Long Beach believes it is important there are sufficient funds in the State Oil Trust Fund for abandonment operations. Once operations cease and revenue is no longer generated, the Oil Trust Fund becomes the primary source to fund the substantial abandonment and decommissioning work.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 2404 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

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May 1, 2018

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**RE: Support for AB 1951 (O'Donnell): Pupil Assessments: Pathways to College Act**

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 1951 (O'Donnell). This legislation gives all high schools throughout the state the choice to administer a college admissions test like the SAT or ACT to their 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in lieu of the state assessment, during the school day and free of charge.

Our Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) has been one of over 30 school districts to administer college entrance exams to 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. This practice is in line with the Long Beach College Promise, of which Long Beach is a partner organization. Since the Long Beach College Promise began in 2008, LBUSD student graduation rates have been increasing, remedial courses for English and Math are decreasing, and CSULB enrollment rates are rising.

Administering the SAT or ACT exams free of charge and during the school day, instead of the weekend, removes a barrier for students who may not otherwise have access to the exam due to costs or transportation. The ability for our high school students to take these important exams at their own high school campus gives them an environment to perform to the best of their ability, which affects their higher education path. All school districts should have the flexibility to offer these exams to their students.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1951 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
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September 19, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
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**RE: Support for SB 1346 (Jackson): Firearms: Multiburst Trigger Activators**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 1346 (Jackson). This bill would help reduce gun violence by including bump fire stock and attachments in the definition of prohibited multiburst trigger activators not to be manufactured, imported, sold, or transferred in the State of California. Long Beach supports strengthening gun control laws that promote public safety and reduce the number of military style magazines in California.

While the State already prohibits multiburst trigger activators from being manufactured, imported, sold, or transferred, current law does not apply to bump fire stock. Bump fire stock acts as multiburst trigger activators, allowing the discharge of two or more shots at a time increasing the speed at which a person can shoot at a target. Attachments such as bump fire stock have recently been found to be used by active shooters.

SB 1346 strengthens California's gun control laws by amending the definition of prohibited multiburst trigger activators to include bump fire stock. Clarifying this definition creates a safer environment statewide. The City of Long Beach supports legislation that bans large capacity magazines as the City has a high interest in the public safety and well-being of all our residents, visitors, and tourists. By limiting attachments that can increase the frequency and quantity of shots fired from a weapon, SB 1346 takes a step in the right direction of public safety for everyone in Long Beach.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 1346 (Jackson) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

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September 18, 2018

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State Capitol, Suite 1173  
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**RE: Support for AB 2930 (Santiago): Unlawful Detainer: Nuisance: Unlawful Weapons and Ammunition**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 2930 (Santiago). This bill would extend the City's authority to file an action for an unlawful detainer, or eviction, to abate nuisance caused by illegal conduct involving unlawful weapons or ammunition in Long Beach homes from January 1, 2019 until January 1, 2024.

The City of Long Beach strives to ensure a safe living environment for all residents by supporting legislation related to public safety, particularly violence prevention. AB 2930 gives the City the ability to pursue evictions of persons who are unlawfully harboring weapons and ammunitions in their homes. The City first issues a written notice of intent to file an action to the tenant(s) living in the home where the unlawful activity is occurring. These warning letters are usually sufficient to help abate the potential threat of violence caused by illegal weapons and ammunition.

The current law has been helpful to Long Beach. From January 2016 to the end of 2017, Long Beach issued a total of 12 eviction warning letters that proved to be effective as none of these cases progressed to the next step of filing an action for unlawful detainer. However, the ability to file per State code proves to be a valuable option in the event the warning letters are not enough to persuade a person to rectify their unlawful conduct. AB 2930 will help the City to retain this option for another five years.

Given these reasons, I ask you to sign AB 2930 (Santiago) into law.

Sincerely,



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CITY MANAGER

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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 13, 2018

The Honorable Philip Ting  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for AB 3171 (Ting): Homeless Persons Services Block Grant**

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 3171 (Ting). AB 3171 proposes to establish a Local Homelessness Solutions Program and create the Local Homelessness Solutions Account for the purposes of providing funding to cities to create innovative and immediate solutions to the problems caused by homelessness.

The Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC) is nationally recognized as a well-coordinated system of care. Our homeless services providers universally deliver evidence-based best practices to individuals and families regardless of their housing status, integrate all key partners into a Coordinated Entry System so there is a “no wrong door” approach to accessing services, and coordinate housing application and utilization processes linked to supportive services and financial assistance programming.

While Long Beach was able to support a reduction in the total number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City by 21% over the last two years and a reduction in chronic homelessness by 26%, as evidenced by the 2017 Biennial Homeless Count, it is clear additional funding is needed. In recent years, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) has moved away from funding homeless supportive services in an effort to focus more on permanent housing. While permanent housing is the goal, supportive services are critically needed to help individuals experiencing homelessness maintain their permanent housing status. Matching funds from AB 3171 would provide cities with an opportunity to further innovative solutions that may help individuals experiencing homelessness maintain a successful transition to permanent housing.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 3171 (Ting).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Jim Beall  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for SB 912 (Beall): Housing: Homelessness Programs and Affordable Housing**

Dear Senator Beall:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 912 (Beall). SB 912 proposes to require \$2 billion to be allocated from the State General Fund to the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist with housing in two ways: (1) through new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing benefiting persons with incomes up to 60 percent of the area median income; and (2) to address youth homelessness and provide housing assistance for domestic violence survivors.

Long Beach is leading the region in support for affordable housing. We are proud to share that over the past 10 years, the City has facilitated the production of 1,778 new affordable units, preserved 2,093 existing units, and rehabilitated 367 units. Yet, the City is aware that the State of California is undergoing a housing shortage and affordability crisis. SB 912 takes a comprehensive approach by addressing affordable housing needs and the need for grant funding for supportive services provided by cities and counties. The City of Long Beach supports these efforts.

With respect to homelessness, the City of Long Beach recently launched the Everyone Home Long Beach Initiative. For years, the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC) has been nationally recognized as a well-coordinated system of care. While the City has been able to support a steady reduction in the total number of persons experiencing homelessness from 2011 to 2017 by 41%, as well as a reduction in chronic homelessness by 26%, as evidenced by the 2017 Biennial Homeless Count, it is clear additional funding is needed to support programming. SB 912 proposes to address housing and homelessness as related issues.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 912 (Beall).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
California State Senator  
State Capitol, Room 5100  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: Support for SB 918 (Wiener): Homeless Youth Act of 2018**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 918 (Wiener). This bill seeks to address California's homelessness crisis as it relates to California's youth by proposing to establish the Office of Homeless Youth (Office) in the Department of Housing and Community Development. Further, SB 918 would enable grant programs for young people experiencing homelessness and their families, funded by the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention, and Treatment Account.

The City of Long Beach is committed to supporting the safety and well-being of all our communities, including youth experiencing homelessness. Through Long Beach's nationally recognized Continuum of Care (CoC), our homeless services providers universally deliver evidence-based best practices to youth, individuals and families regardless of their housing status; integrate all key partners into a Coordinated Entry System so there is a "no wrong door" approach to accessing services; and coordinate housing application and utilization processes linked to supportive services and financial assistance programming. While Long Beach was able to support a reduction in the total number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City by 21% over the last two years and a reduction in chronic homelessness by 26%, as evidenced by the 2017 Biennial Homeless Count, it is clear additional funding is needed to do more.

The Long Beach CoC actively partners with 13 local organizations to provide rapid rehousing, transitional housing, permanent housing, and supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Through the City's partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Long Beach is able to provide a variety of supportive programs including the Family Preservation Program for children and youth who are at risk of out of home placement. The City believes SB 918 will help provide additional resources to assist youth with achieving self-sufficiency through housing and supportive services.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach strongly supports SB 918 (Wiener).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2018

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

**RE: Support for SB 1402 (Lara) – Labor Contracting: Customer Liability**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 1402 (Lara). On February 20, 2018, the Long Beach City Council voted to support legislation that improves working conditions for port truck drivers. This bill requires joint and several liability for customers who contract with port drayage services who have unpaid wage, tax and workers' compensation liability.

The California Labor Commissioner has received more than 900 complaints regarding misclassification of truckers at the ports and upheld more than 500 claims and awarded millions in fines and restitution. USA Today has published several stories in recent months that detail abuses in the trucking industry and describe the working conditions for truck drivers as indentured servitude. These reports detail drivers who work 20-hour shifts, earn little in weekly wages, and are cut off from being given future hauling trips without cause.

The City of Long Beach recognizes truck drivers have been found to be routinely misclassified as independent contractors and that such a misclassification could result in wage theft leaving the truck drivers in a cycle of poverty. SB 1402 proposes to amend State law to prevent wage theft and other work violations in the goods movement and trucking industry.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 1402 (Lara) and requests your signature on this bill.

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 Senator Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District  
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## MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 20, 2018

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
California State Assembly  
1020 N. Street, Room 2114  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 2090 (Gonzalez Fletcher) – Support for Guardianships: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status**

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 2090 (Gonzalez Fletcher). On March 13, 2018, the Long Beach City Council voted to approve a resolution titled the Long Beach Values Act, which affirmed the City's commitment to laws adopted in SB 54 (De Leon) and to partner with local organizations to consider expanding local policy that prevents future deportations of local residents. This bill includes "parent" in the definition of "relative" for purposes of defining who may petition a court for guardianship of a person who is a ward of the court past the age of 18 but under 21. AB 2090 allows a non-abusive parent to petition for guardianship of their adult child (the ward) if the ward gives their consent and is unmarried. This petition for guardianship beyond the age of 18 would be to allow a ward to complete their application process with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services for classification of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status so that the adult child may apply for lawful permanent residency.

Through previous legislation, California has demonstrated a commitment to individuals who have a claim for political asylum. Additionally, state law reflects a commitment to individuals who have had longstanding ties to the United States or who are eligible for relief under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. AB 2090 builds upon existing state law by clarifying a protection for young adults who have found themselves in the juvenile dependency court system through allegations of abuse or neglect against one of their parents. These individuals often face a threat of extreme danger of physical harm should they be returned to their home country. By allowing a qualified parent to petition for guardianship, AB 2090 protects these young adults.

The City of Long Beach is invested in supporting services to youth in foster care and supporting their transition to productive adulthood. The City also values the economic and cultural diversity contributions that families with immigrant household members bring to California. According to the American Immigration Council, immigrant families contribute \$5.2 billion in state income taxes and \$4.2 billion in sales taxes each year. AB 2090 allows foster youth transitioning into adulthood to seek a better life in the United States and to remain with their family.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 2090 (Gonzalez Fletcher).

Sincerely,

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Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 1, 2018

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

**RE: Support for AB 2591 (O'Donnell): Acute Care Hospitals: Seismic Safety**

Dear Assemblyman O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, thank you for introducing Assembly Bill 2591 (O'Donnell). Long Beach looks forward to working with you to extend the deadline for meeting State seismic compliance requirements for existing hospital operations, inclusive of the eight basic services and psychiatric care at Community Hospital of Long Beach (Community Hospital). The City is requesting this extension to enable acute and psychiatric care to continue while a long-term solution for seismic compliance at this hospital is identified and implemented.

Community Hospital is a 158-licensed bed, general acute care and psychiatric care hospital located at 1720 Termino Avenue in Long Beach. The facility is a valued component of our City's urban and suburban fabric. Long Beach understands that to be a hospital in California means to have a duly constituted governing body with overall administrative and professional responsibility and an organized medical staff that provides 24-hour inpatient care, inclusive of eight basic services: medical, nursing, surgical, anesthesia, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy and dietary services. Community Hospital currently meets these basic requirements and provides psychiatric care services.

As you know, Long Beach residents have made it clear they would like to see the doors of Community Hospital remain open. Likewise, the City is highly interested in identifying a viable solution that allows us to maintain co-located acute and psychiatric care facility in Long Beach while also meeting State seismic requirements for hospitals.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to sponsor and support AB 2591 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 18, 2018

The Honorable Evan Low  
California State Assemblyman  
State Capitol, Room 4126  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for AB 2943 (Low): Unlawful Business Practices: Sexual Orientation Change Efforts**

Dear Assemblyman Low:

As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, ranked number two in the nation with Los Angeles and Santa Ana for having the greatest number of Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual Persons, I write in support AB 2943 (Low). This bill proposes to add sexual orientation change efforts, commonly known as conversion therapy, as an unlawful business practice prohibited under the Consumer Legal Remedies Act.

The American Psychological Association (APA) already advises parents, guardians, young people, and their families to avoid sexual orientation change efforts that portray homosexuality as a mental illness or developmental disorder. Rather, the APA advises anyone seeking direction related to sexual orientation to seek psychotherapy, social support, and educational services that provide accurate information on sexual orientation and sexuality, increase family and school support, and reduce rejection of sexual minority youth.

Long Beach takes pride in being named one of the best cities in the nation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer inclusion in municipal law and policy for six years in a row. In 2017, Long Beach was one of only 68 cities out of 506 nationwide to achieve a perfect score in the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index, largely due to the City's inclusive policies such as Workplace Inclusiveness Training, Non-Discrimination in City Employment, Trans-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits, and the City's Enumerated Anti-Bullying School Policies.

As we continue to celebrate our City's diversity and remain committed to strengthening the communities that make our city great, AB 2943 (Low) will help advance our commitment by bringing light to the fraudulent, unlawful, and misinformed efforts of conversion therapy business practices. Given these reasons, as Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I support AB 2943 (Low).

Sincerely,

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September 18, 2018

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

**RE: Support for Senate Bill 212 (Jackson): Solid Waste: Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SB 212 (Jackson). This bill would establish a pharmaceutical and sharps stewardship program, under which each manufacturer of covered drugs or sharps in the state would be required to establish and implement, either on its own or as part of a stewardship organization, a pharmaceutical and sharps waste stewardship program.

The City supports policies and legislation that promote environmentally responsible approach to consumer goods, including requiring product take-back and recycling, reduction of packaging waste, phase out of toxic products, and reduction of single-use disposable good. SB 212 is consistent with the City's environmental values as well as the City's commitment to safety. SB 212 requires manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and needles to establish a program to responsibly engage in the safe and responsible disposal of these products.

There is a demand for safe disposal in Long Beach. From the perspective of beach safety, the City is made aware of several instances annually, which involve beachgoers stepping on needles. These situations may be avoided, if needles can be disposed of safely with additional and accessible disposal options. The City has also developed a culture of responsible hazardous waste collection. In 2016, a total of 4,587 Long Beach households participated in household hazardous waste disposal through the Environmental Collection Center (EDCO) facility and 2,565 households participated in the safe disposal facility located in San Pedro. These programs diverted a minimum of 239 tons of household hazardous waste including discarded medications and needles. SB 212 would support public safety and add to a responsible hazardous waste collection culture that benefits our collective environment.

Given these reasons, the City requests your signature on SB 212.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

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  
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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2018

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

**RE: Support for SB 1192 (Monning): Children's Meals**

Dear Governor Brown:

On the behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 1192 (Monning). This legislation sets nutritional standards pertaining to drinks offered with children's meals at restaurants. It requires the default beverage to be water or milk with no more than 130 calories per serving.

The City of Long Beach recognizes the dangers of childhood obesity and its connection to sugar-sweetened beverages. SB 1192 is in line with the City's Default Beverage Ordinance. In Long Beach, restaurants that offer children's meals that include a beverage must serve a default beverage of either water, milk, or 100-percent fruit juice. The appropriate options for water and milk include water, sparkling water or flavored water with no artificial sweeteners or additives and nonfat, 1-percent milk, or non-dairy milk alternatives under 130 calories per serving.

Limiting the number of sugary beverages offered with children's meals contributes to the overall health and well-being of our communities. Long Beach appreciates that this legislation is consistent with our municipal ordinance and allows cities to adopt even stricter ordinances.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 1192 (Monning) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

August 9, 2018

The Honorable Ricardo Lara  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5050  
Sacramento, CA 96814

The Honorable Patricia Bates  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 305  
Sacramento, CA 96814

**RE: Support for SCR 159 Long Beach Fire Captain David Rosa Memorial Highway**

Dear Senators Lara and Bates:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 159, which seeks to designate a portion of Interstate-5 between Camino Las Ramblas and the Ortega Highway in the County of Orange as the Long Beach Fire Captain David Rosa Memorial Highway. Captain David Rosa sustained a fatal gunshot wound in the line of duty on June 25, 2018.

Captain Rosa was a 17-year veteran of the Long Beach Fire Department. His last assignment was at Fire Station 10 located in Central Long Beach. Prior to his assignment at Fire Station 10, Captain Rosa also spent time as a Training Captain where he was responsible for teaching new firefighters in the recruit academy and delivering training to all firefighters as they rotated through the training center. He also served as a firefighter and a paramedic assigned to various stations throughout Long Beach. Captain Rosa was not only a dedicated and well respected Fire Captain, but he was also a valuable member of his community in San Juan Capistrano where he coached baseball and volunteered for little league. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Long Beach is grateful for Captain Rosa's service to our community and for the role he played in so many people's lives. The City is honored to support SCR 159, as it is a recognition of a man who led a life of service and who selflessly lost his life while serving the community of Long Beach.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach wholeheartedly supports SCR 159.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 18, 2018

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

**RE: Support for AB 2191 (O'Donnell): Ocean Protection Council: White Shark Population Monitoring and Beach Safety Program**

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 2191 (O'Donnell). The City Council voted unanimously to support this legislation on March 6, 2018. AB 2191 proposes to establish a White Shark Population Monitoring and Beach Safety Program to award grants to academic institutions engaged in, and local agencies assisting with, research regarding white sharks, as well as to local agencies engaged in operations to promote public safety on California's beaches.

The City of Long Beach proudly partners with researchers at the Shark Lab, located at the California State University of Long Beach (CSULB) to learn more about shark behavior as the population of Great White Sharks increases along the California coastline. This research is used, in part, to inform the City's public safety decisions related to sharks and marine safety. Long Beach is home to 6 miles of beaches that support a host of recreational water activities including kite surfing, sailing, paddle boarding, swimming and fishing.

It is essential that California have the resources to research, educate and implement policies that promote a safe relationship between human users of the aquatic environment, and sharks. AB 2191 proposes to establish a program that brings together researchers and public safety officials to the benefit of those visiting the California coastline.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 2191 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach



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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

June 19, 2018

The Honorable Bill Quirk  
California State Assembly  
1020 N. Street, Room 2163  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Opposition to AB 3014 (Quirk) – Brake Friction Materials: Copper Limits: High Performance Road and Track Capable Vehicle Exemption.**

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in opposition to Assembly Bill 3014 (Quirk). AB 3014 would exempt the brake friction materials of high performance road and track capable vehicles, including motorcycles, from the prohibition against the sale of motor vehicle brake friction materials containing more than 5 percent copper by weight on and after January 1, 2021. This exemption poses a problem, as brake friction materials are a high-level threat to water quality.

Under the 2014 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit for Long Beach, the City must meet some of the strongest water quality guidelines in the country. With the intent of improving stormwater management systems to the benefit of our environment, Long Beach invests above \$9.1 million annually to improve the health of stormwater, which in part, includes removing copper found in brake friction materials from the stormwater. Recently, the City of Long Beach partnered with the City of Signal Hill to begin the construction of the Los Cerritos Channel Sub-Basin 4 Stormwater Capture Facility Project in December 2016. This \$11 million project, with multiple construction phases, will capture and treat stormwater runoff, inclusive of brake friction material pollutants, prior to discharge into the Pacific Ocean.

In recognition of the opportunities to improve stormwater quality through a reduction in copper found in brake friction materials, existing State law prohibits brake friction materials containing more than 5 percent copper by weight from being sold in the state beginning in 2021. Long Beach supports this statute, and opposes any proposal to delay its implementation.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes AB 3014 (Quirk).

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

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,

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  
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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 23, 2018

The Honorable Susan Talamantes-Eggman  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4117  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for Assembly Bill 2110 (Eggman): Electronics: Right to Repair Act**

Dear Assemblymember Eggman:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support AB 2110 (Eggman). This bill proposes to enact the Right to Repair Act, which would require the original manufacturer of electronic equipment and parts to provide diagnostic and repair information to independent repair providers for the purpose of creating a fair marketplace for the repair of electronic equipment. This bill would apply to all equipment that is no longer manufactured for up to five years after the date in which the manufacturer ceases to produce the equipment.

The City of Long Beach is working on a Zero-to-Near-Zero Waste Plan, which focuses on helping residents, visitors, schools, and businesses reduce, reuse, and recycle materials that would otherwise be disposed of as waste. This plan encapsulates a number of existing City services and evaluates the potential for new ones to further reduce waste below 3.9 pounds of waste per person, as it was last estimated in 2016.

With respect to electronic waste (e-waste), the City currently offers opportunities to responsibly dispose of these materials or donate usable equipment to local non-profit organizations through the Long Beach Exchange Program. However, since manufacturers are best positioned to support repair, AB 2110 makes sense. This bill has the potential to help reduce e-waste by facilitating the repair of electronic items at a fair market price. Long Beach appreciates that this bill proposes to proactively address e-waste management.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 2110 (Eggman).

Sincerely,

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Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2018

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

**RE: Support for Senate Bill 1335 (Allen): Solid Waste: Food Service Packaging: State Agencies, Facilities, and Property**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SB 1335 (Allen). This bill would enact the Sustainable Packaging for the State of California Act of 2018 (Act). As of January 1, 2021, the Act would require a state-owned food service facility to dispense prepared food to a customer using food service packaging that is deemed appropriate by the Director of the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovering that is reusable, recyclable, and/or compostable. This bill is in line with the City of Long Beach's efforts to reduce single-use packaging in our City.

Long Beach has made it a priority to reduce single-use packaging in our City, first by banning single-use plastic bags in 2011 and most recently by banning polystyrene to benefit our community and environment. On April 17, 2018, the Long Beach City Council unanimously approved a local ordinance to phase in a ban on polystyrene products over the course of the next 18 months. Long Beach's ordinance prohibits the use of single-use food and beverage containers made of expanded polystyrene foam, rigid polystyrene #6, as well as non-recyclable food and beverage containers.

SB 1335 is consistent with the City's environmental values. Long Beach appreciates that SB 1335 does not prohibit a city or county from adopting and enforcing more expansive single-use-take-out food ordinances, regulations, or policies than that proposed by this Act.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 1335 (Allen) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", with a horizontal line underneath.

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

April 23, 2018

The Honorable Evan Low  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4126  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill 2921 (Low): Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Packaging Recovery and Recycling Act**

Dear Assebmymember Low:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to oppose AB 2921 (Low). This bill proposes to enact the Polystyrene Food Service Packaging Recovery and Recycling Act, which would grant polystyrene food packaging manufacturers immunity from various anti-trust and unfair competition laws. In contrast, the City of Long Beach recognizes the environmental challenges posed by polystyrene, and is planning to reduce impacts of polystyrene in our environment by banning the product citywide. AB 2921 simply goes against the environmental values of the City and our local ordinance.

Long Beach has made it a priority to reduce single-use packaging in our City, first by banning single-use plastic bags in 2011, and most recently by banning polystyrene to benefit our community and environment. On April 17, 2018, the Long Beach City Council unanimously approved a local ordinance to phase in a ban on polystyrene products over the course of the next 18 months. Long Beach's ordinance prohibits the use of single-use food and beverage containers made of expanded polystyrene foam, rigid polystyrene #6, as well as non-recyclable food and beverage containers.

While this bill makes a small attempt to reduce the environmental impacts of polystyrene foam, the voluntary nature of the recycling framework proposed in AB 2921 for producers of polystyrene undermines the City's investments in our environment.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes AB 2921 (Low).

Sincerely,

  
Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

June 26 2018

The Honorable Jay Obernolte  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4116  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Opposition to AB 2806 (Obernolte) – Vehicles: Disabled Parking

Dear Assemblymember Obernolte:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in opposition to Assembly Bill 2806 (Obernolte). The City of Long Beach supports policies and legislation that provide a sufficient process for business and government entities to implement ADA requirements to fully support residents with disabilities. AB 2806 would make an exception for vehicles with disability license plates or placards to park in designated electrical vehicle charging area if that vehicle is being used to help unload a person with a disability through use of a lift, ramp, or other assistive device. By proposing this change in state law, AB 2806 conflates the availability of ADA parking with the growth of EV parking.

The City of Long Beach is steadfast in its commitment to complying with the intent and the spirit of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990; parking is no exception. The City works to ensure the required number of blue zones are available to the public and carefully plans the best available areas to place ADA parking, many times exceeding the required amount. The City also has a residential program that currently provides approximately 2,500 on-street blue zones to help meet the needs of our communities with disabilities. AB 2806 proposes to provide parking spaces for ADA resident use that are not the best suited for the user as they are not originally intended as ADA parking spaces.

The City's commitment to implementing climate change adaptation strategies does not replace the number nor the quality of ADA spaces available in the City. In November 2016, the City adopted an electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure expansion plan as new amendments to the City's building code. The goals of the expansion include expanding EV charging installations at existing City facilities, private facilities, and to increase EV readiness requirements in all new development. However, these EV charging parking spaces will not replace any number of ADA parking spaces. The City will continue to pursue climate change adaptation strategies without compromising the inclusion and prioritization of our residents who use ADA parking.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully, and strongly opposes AB 2806 (Obernolte).

Sincerely,



Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

June 19, 2018

The Honorable Heath Flora  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3098  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill 2989 (Flora): Standup Electric Scooters**

Dear Assemblymember Flora:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to respectfully offer our opposition to Senate Bill 2989 (Flora). This bill proposes to allow two-wheeled stand up scooters that reach levels up to 20 miles per hour to lawfully ride on sidewalks by exempting them from the definition of motorized scooters. The City supports alternative transportation modes and is currently working to launch a pilot program in July of this year to allow motorized scooters in Long Beach. However, allowing motorized scooters on sidewalks presents a hazard to pedestrian safety and the use of these would best belong on street roads.

The City of Long Beach makes efforts to make local mobility efforts accessible and a part of everyday life for all residents. While bikeability and walkability have been the most popular, our pilot program acknowledges another form of mobility. This program will allow vendors to begin offering motorized scooters as a form of quick and easy transportation through our bike paths.

In March 2018, Long Beach celebrated the grand opening of the Red Car Greenbelt, the City's newest park space that will enhance Long Beach's walkability and bikeability with a newly paved path that adds routes to walkers and links to the Colorado Lagoon and bike path on 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Boulevard. While the average bicycle reaches 12 miles per hour, a motorized scooter at 20 miles per hour should belong on the same path as a bicycle and not with pedestrians. AB 2989 presents a risk of harm to pedestrians such as young children, seniors, people with disabilities, and anyone who may encounter a stand-up scooter operating on our sidewalks. The City wishes to respond to local mobility needs while observing best practices to minimize any threat of harm to its residents.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes AB 2989 (Flora).

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

May 4, 2018

The Honorable Tom Lackey  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2174  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill 2544 (Lackey): Parking Violations

Dear Assemblymember Lackey:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to oppose Assembly Bill 2544 (Lackey). The bill seeks to preempt cities from collecting unpaid parking citations regardless of the date on which the ticket was issued unless the city is fully compliant with AB 503; a bill that was just enacted last year.

The City of Long Beach, along with other major California cities worked closely with Assemblymember Lackey on AB 503 to develop a parking citation payment plan for indigent recipients of parking citations. While Long Beach began the process with several concerns, we were able to reach consensus on a proposal after much collaboration and input from local government and the Assemblymember's Office. AB 503 (Lackey) represented a difficult compromise for all and was negotiated in good faith.

The program start date was negotiated to July 1, 2018, with the specific understanding that the program would apply to all qualifying individuals beginning July 1, 2018. A retroactive application to parking citations before July 1, 2018 would have not been agreed to and is very problematic.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach opposes AB 2544 (Lackey).

Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2018

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

**RE: Support for Assembly Bill 2363 (Friedman): Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 2363 (Friedman). This bill proposes to establish the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force. Long Beach has a strong history of working on legislative issues related to the establishment of a safe transportation environment for all drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists in our City.

In 2011, the City noticed increasing speed limits with every 5-year evaluation of speed zones per the California Department of Transportation's California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Long Beach supported State legislation to amend the MUTCD to allow municipal Traffic Engineers the discretion to establish speed limits by rounding down within 5 miles per hour of the nearest 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of traffic, as opposed to continuously being required to round up. While the ability for municipal Traffic Engineers to round down to the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was adopted, it did not negate years of traffic speed limit increases that resulted from being required to round up.

AB 2363 recognizes that rounding down within 5 miles per hour the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of traffic may not be enough to create a safe environment for all modes of traffic. The Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force would benefit traffic flow by reporting about the effects of the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile and improvements to pedestrian safety. As California seeks to support more sustainable and alternative modes of transportation, it is essential traffic collision data be improved upon for the safety of residents. AB 2363 would enable this effort.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 2363 (Friedman) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

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