City of Long Beach
Working Together to Serve

Memorandum

Date: August 8, 2019

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager

Subject: **2019 State Legislative Formal Position Update**

Summary

The 2019 State Legislative Session is nearing the end of the process, and as of June 12, 2019, the State Legislature has been on recess. The Legislature returns August 12, 2019. Key dates from the Legislative Calendar for 2019 are as follows:

- August 12 – Legislature reconvenes from summer recess.
- August 30 – Last day for Appropriations Committees to meet and report bills to Floor.
- September 13 – Last day for each house to pass bills.
- October 13 – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature.
- January 1, 2020 – Statutes take effect, unless stated otherwise.

To date, the City of Long Beach (City) has taken a position on 36 pieces of legislation. A description of each bill and its status is below. Attached for information are the letters of support and opposition that were sent on these proposals.

Affordable Housing and Homeless Prevention

Support for AB 344 (Calderon) – New Beginnings California Program. This bill proposes to establish the California New Beginnings Program, which would provide support for employment programs for individuals experiencing homelessness. This bill is currently on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File; the deadline to pass the Appropriations Committee is August 30.

Opposition for AB 516 (Gipson and Chiu) – Authority to Remove Vehicles. The City formally took an oppose position on AB 516 when the bill proposed to eliminate authorization to impound a vehicle for any of the following reasons: (a) having five or more delinquent parking or traffic violations, (b) abandoning a vehicle for 72 or more consecutive house, or (c) possessing expired vehicle registration beyond six months. As of July 2, the bill was amended in Senate Appropriations to propose to authorize a vehicle parked or left standing for 72 or more consecutive hours to remain for 5 or more business days upon affixing a notice of local resources for people experiencing homelessness; the City continues to be opposed to this proposal. AB 516 will be heard in Senate Appropriations on August 12.

Opposition for AB 1279 (Bloom) – Planning and Zoning: High-Resource Areas. On May 7, 2019, the City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 1279. This bill proposes to require local governments to approve affordable housing on a by-right basis, inclusive of fourplex units in single-family residential zones. AB 1279 is no longer active and has been made into a two-year bill.

Support for ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) – Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure: Voter Approval. This Assembly Constitutional Amendment proposes to lower the necessary voter threshold from a two-thirds supermajority to 55% approval for local general obligation bonds and special taxes benefitting affordable housing and public infrastructure projects. If signed into law, ACA 1 would be submitted to all registered California voters for consideration. If adopted by voters with a majority vote, ACA 1 would provide Long Beach with a more realistic financing option to fund affordable housing and address the numerous local public infrastructure challenges cities face. ACA 1 remains active on the Assembly Floor.

Support for SB 5 (Beall-McGuire) – Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program. This bill proposes to re-establish a version of redevelopment by allowing cities to use local property taxes for affordable housing and housing related projects. Cities would be allowed to reduce contributions to their associated county's Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) and the bill would require the State to backfill these dollars to ensure that schools receive the same amount of funding they would absent the new redevelopment program. SB 5 would provide the City with a new funding stream for quality affordable housing developments and associated public services. This bill will advance to Assembly Appropriations.

Opposition for SB 50 (Wiener) – Planning and Zoning Development: Incentives. On May 7, 2019, the City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 50, as amended on May 1, 2019, unless the City is exempted from the legislation in recognition of the volume and rate of permitted affordable housing. The bill proposes to diminish the City's local control over land use, planning, zoning and development decisions as well as legislation that conflicts with the City's adopted General Plan or other Council adopted land use policies. This bill is currently on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File; the deadline by which SB 50 must pass Senate Appropriations is August 30.

Support for SB 329 (Mitchell) – Discrimination: Housing: Source of Income. SB 329 proposes to address access to affordable housing by amending the definition of "source of income" to include federal, State, or local public assistance and housing subsidies. Requiring landlords to accept public assistance and housing subsidies as sources of income, as SB 329 proposes, would make housing more accessible for low-income residents in Long Beach. This bill is currently on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File; the deadline by which it must pass is August 30.

Support for SB 450 (Umberg) – California Environmental Quality Act Exemption: Supportive and Transitional Housing: Motel Conversion. SB 450 proposes to exempt interim motel housing projects from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to allow the expedited conversion of motels into supportive and transitional housing. This legislation is sponsored by the City of Long Beach, and supported by California's Big City Mayors coalition. This bill remains active in Assembly Appropriations.

Support for SB 521 (Portantino) – Income Taxes: Credits: Leased or Rented Property: Section 8 Assistance. This legislation proposes to provide landlords with a financial incentive to accept Section 8 vouchers by authorizing a State income tax credit to property owners that rent to persons receiving assistance under Section 8. SB 521 is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, awaiting a hearing.

Support for SB 532 (Portantino) – Redevelopment: Bond Proceeds: Affordable Housing. Existing State law requires remaining RDA bond proceeds to be defeased or purchased on the open market for cancellation. This legislation instead proposes that RDA successor agencies be allowed to use bond proceeds to increase, improve, and preserve affordable housing. The City originally supported this legislation when it would have applied statewide; SB 532 has since been amended to be specific to the City of Glendale. The City continues to be generally supportive of the legislation as it has the potential to support the regional housing market in Los Angeles County. SB 532 will advance to Assembly Appropriations.

Animal Care Services

Support for SB 64 (Chang) – Dogs and Cats: Microchip Implants. This legislation requires all dogs and cats be microchipped prior to adoption. This bill remains active in Assembly Appropriations.

Civic Engagement

Support for ACA 8 (Low) – Elections: Voter Qualifications. This Assembly Constitutional Amendment proposes to lower the voting age from 18 to 17 years of age to increase the young voter turnout, coinciding with their introduction to government through secondary education. ACA 8 remains active in Assembly Appropriations. As ACA 8 is a constitutional amendment, the proposal will not follow traditional legislative deadlines.

Economic Development

Support for AB 593 (Carrillo) – Unemployment Insurance: Use of Information: Public Workforce Development Programs. AB 593 proposes to improve city and county workforce programming and services from Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) across California by granting access to Unemployment Insurance Code information from the Employment Development Department. This bill is currently on the Assembly Floor, awaiting a vote by the full State Assembly.

Support for SB 451 (Atkins) – Personal Income and Corporation Taxes: Credits: Rehabilitation. This legislation proposes to provide a State tax credit for rehabilitation of certified historic structures or qualified residences. As a City with 17 historical districts, the proposed tax credit could facilitate the timely completion of projects and encourage future investment in Long Beach. SB 451 remains active in Assembly Appropriations.

Support for SB 455 (Bradford) – Financial Empowerment Fund: Unbanked and Underbanked Populations. This legislation proposes to establish a $1 million State Financial Empowerment Fund (Fund). The Fund would provide grants to local nonprofits for financial education and financial empowerment programs, specifically for unbanked and underbanked populations in the State. If this legislation is adopted, the Commissioner of Business Oversight shall administer an application process for grants of up to $100,000 per applicant. Eligible applicants are those who are Section 501(3)(c) non-profit organizations and who can guarantee that no part of the organization's net earnings benefit any private shareholder or individual. SB 455 remains active in Assembly Appropriations.

Education

Support for AB 751 (O'Donnell) – Pupil Assessments: Pathways to College Act. This legislation gives all school districts throughout the State the choice to administer a college admissions test such as the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) to their 11th grade students in lieu of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) during the school day and free of charge. SB 751 will be heard in Senate Appropriations on August 12.

Opposition for SB 206 (Skinner) – Collegiate Athletics: Fair Pay to Play Act. As a committed partner in the Long Beach College Promise, the City joined California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) in opposition to SB 206. This legislation proposes to permit college athletes to earn compensation through corporate sponsorship and prohibits universities from interfering. SB 206 remains active in Assembly Appropriations.

<u>Energy</u>

Support for AB 926 (O'Donnell) – Oil Revenue: Oil Trust Fund. Assemblymember O'Donnell has continued to be supportive of removing a $300 million cap on the State's Oil Trust Fund to the benefit of the City's and State's collective oil operations. The State Oil Trust Fund is currently underfunded, and resources will be necessary when it comes time to decommission the oil field. This legislation proposes to o enable the State to continue contributing oil revenues derived from the Long Beach Tidelands to fully meet the State's environmental responsibilities, as they all relate to oil field abandonment. AB 926 will be heard in Senate Appropriations on August 12.

Support for AB 1362 (O'Donnell) – Electricity: Load-Serving Entities: Rate and Program Information. This legislation proposes to establish a centralized energy-use database that is publicly accessible and user-friendly. Currently, this data is not publicly accessible without a vote of intent by the local governing body to move towards establishing a Community Choice Aggregate (CCA) for energy distribution, as opposed to relying solely on the local electricity provider. As local jurisdictions become more familiar with the concept of CCA's, it is important to also enable local jurisdictions to evaluate actual data when comparing CCAs and local electricity providers. AB 1362 remains active in Senate Appropriations.

<u>Environment</u>

Support for AB 470 (Limón) – California Green Business Program. This legislation proposed to establish and fund the California Green Business Program (Program) within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Program previously funded several City initiatives to promote green and sustainable business practices. This bill is no longer active.

Support for AB 552 (Stone) – Coastal Resources: Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program. This bill proposes to establish the Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program and Fund to implement actions that address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change. This bill will be heard in Senate Appropriations on August 12.

Support for AB 1080 (Gonzalez) /SB 54 (Allen) – California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. On April 9, 2019, the City Council voted unanimously to support SB 54 and AB 1080. These substantively similar bills propose to require at least 75 percent of the State's distributed single-use products to be source reduced or recycled by 2030. AB 1080 will be heard in Senate Appropriations on August 12 and SB 54 remains active in Assembly Appropriations.

Support for SB 400 (Umberg) – Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Mobility Options. SB 400 proposes to expand mobility credit options to include bikeshare and electric vehicles, thus bolstering the State's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This bill remains active in Assembly Appropriations.

Health and Human Services

Support for AB 194 (Reyes) – Childcare and Development Services. This legislation proposes to improve access to early childhood development programs by allocating $1 billion to alternative payment programs and general childcare for children from infancy to 13 years of age. AB 194 is no longer active; however, the FY 20 State Budget allocates $460 million one-time General Fund for various programs to improve access and quality of child care statewide.

Support for AB 568 (Reyes) – California Care Corps Act. This bill proposes to allow the State to contract with nonprofit grantees to provide volunteer respite care for older adults who are at least 65 years of age and who have a dementia-related illness. This bill was held in Assembly Appropriations and has become a 2-year bill.

Support for AB 1014 (O'Donnell) – Health Facilities: Notices. This legislation proposes to require hospitals and health facilities to provide at least 180 days public notice before downgrading, changing, or closing services. The extension of public notice from 90 days to 180 days is intended to allow communities to better plan for discrepancies in access to health services, if a facility were to close or provide reduced services. AB 1014 remains active in Senate Appropriations.

Support for AB 1118 (Rubio) – Land Use: General Plan: Livability Issues for Older Adults. The City supported AB 1118 when this legislation proposed to direct the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to address livability issues for older adults by including elements of livability, developed by the World Health Organization and specifically addressing livability issues for older adults, into the State's General Plan Guidelines. AB 1118 has since been amended to request that the State join the Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, sponsored by the AARP. The bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

Support for AB 1152 (Holden) – Vital Records. The City collaborated with Supervisor Janice Hahn to encourage the County of Los Angeles to take a position of support on AB 1152. This bill proposes to enable local health jurisdictions, such as Long Beach, to issue vital records, such as birth and death certificates, to improve health care service delivery. AB 1152 has been approved by the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for consideration after concurrence from the Assembly.

Support for AB 1779 (Daly) – Recovery Residences. This legislation proposes to require the State to adopt and implement minimum county standards for recovery residences, applicable to those counties receiving public funding for recovery residences. This bill will be heard in Senate Appropriations on August 12.

Support for ACR 99 (Chiu) – Civil Rights: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender People. This Assembly Concurrent Resolution calls upon all Californians to treat one another fairly, and upon religious leaders to counsel on LGBTQ matters with compassion and knowledge of the harms of conversion therapy. ACR 99 remains active in the Senate Judiciary.

Support for SB 285 (Wiener) – Public Social Services. This bill proposes to increase participation in public social services, including, but not limited to, CalFresh and the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). SB 285 remains active in Assembly Appropriations.

Public Safety

Support for AB 720 (Muratsuchi) – Community Colleges: Funding: Instructional Service Agreements with Public Safety Agencies. This legislation proposes to fund Instructional Service Agreement (ISA) courses at community colleges led by public safety agencies using the previous apportionment rate. ISA courses enable the City to be reimbursed for public safety training and education; these reimbursements are included as part of the City's public safety budget. This bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee, on the Suspense File; it has until August 30 to pass out of the Appropriations Committee.

Concerns with AB 1215 (Ting) – Law Enforcement: Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Surveillance. This bill proposes to prohibit the use of facial recognition technologies in conjunction with law enforcement agencies' use of body-worn cameras. In context with existing laws, specifically, AB 748 and SB 1421, which were adopted in 2018, the adoption of AB 1215 would result in delays to the availability of public records and prove costly to law enforcement agencies statewide. While the City has not taken a formal position on the bill, the City does have an interest in producing public records in a timely manner, and AB 1215 would hinder that effort. This bill has been eligible to be heard on the Senate Floor since June, but due to strong opposition from public safety organizations, the bill has yet to be brought forward for a vote. The deadline for this bill to gain the full Legislature's approval is September 13.

Immigration

Support for AB 1113 (Chiu) – Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. This legislation proposes to establish a State Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to support immigrants and State agencies that provide immigration services. The bill was held in the Assembly Committee on the Judiciary and has become a 2-year bill.

Support for AB 1753 (Carrillo) – Immigration Consultants. This legislation would make it unlawful for a person to provide immigration consultation services, for compensation, unless the individual is authorized to practice law or is a supervised paralegal. AB 1753 will be heard in Senate Appropriations on August 12.

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

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 2, 2019

The Honorable Ian Calderon
California State Assembly
Capitol Office, Room 319
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 344 (Calderon) New Beginnings California Program

Dear Assemblymember Calderon:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 344 (Calderon). This bill proposes to establish the California New Beginnings Program, which would provide support for employment programs for individuals experiencing homelessness. AB 344 is consistent with the City of Long Beach's (City) Everyone Home Long Beach (EHLB) initiative, which aims to reduce homelessness by supporting individuals experiencing homelessness with a transition to permanent housing.

In 1995, the City established the largest municipal Continuum of Care in Los Angeles County (County). Long Beach is fortunate to have a local Continuum of Care that mirrors the boundaries of our municipality. Working with 13 non-profit partners, the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC) has strong history of reconnecting individuals experiencing homelessness to employment counseling, rental assistance and other supportive services that may lead to that individual reaching permanent housing. While the Long Beach CoC has been able to support a steady reduction in the total number of persons experiencing homelessness, from 2011 to 2017 by 41 percent, as well as a reduction in chronic homelessness by 26 percent as evidenced by the 2017 Biennial Homeless Count, it is clear additional funding is needed to support programming.

In 2018, the City convened the EHLB Task Force, which was comprised of leaders from our business, education and non-profit communities, including individuals with lived homelessness experience in the City. The EHLB Task Force developed a number of recommendations for reducing homelessness for the City Council's consideration. One of the recommendations is to "increase employment opportunities for people who are at-risk of, or experiencing, homelessness." The establishment of the New Beginnings California Program aligns with this need in Long Beach.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 344 (Calderon).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

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The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
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PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

May 22, 2019

The Honorable Mike Gipson
California State Assembly
Capitol Office, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

RE: Opposition for AB 516 (Gipson and Chiu) Authority to Remove Vehicles

Dear Assemblymembers Gipson and Chiu:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to oppose Assembly Bill 516 (Gipson and Chiu), unless the City would be exempted from the legislation in recognition of our citation payment programs and internal management. This bill proposes to eliminate authorization to impound a vehicle for any of the following reasons: (a) having five or more delinquent parking or traffic violations, (b) abandoning a vehicle for 72 or more consecutive hours, or (c) possessing expired vehicle registration beyond six months.

While Long Beach understands the need to address the cost of living for residents of California, particularly those experiencing homelessness, we believe cities understand their unique infrastructure best to facilitate the implementation of citation management. The City offers several programs to assist low-income residents and residents experiencing homelessness Beginning July 1, 2018, the City implemented Payment Plans to indigent registered owners with unpaid parking citations in addition to offering payment plans for non-indigent customers experiencing a financial hardship. In alignment with the City's nationally recognized Continuum of Care (CoC), a new program is scheduled to launch by the end of May 2019 to waive parking citations and tow fees for residents experiencing homelessness. A copy of the City's citation waiver policy and waiver request are attached. These programs provide a means to assist vehicle owners to manage or avoid parking and tow costs and retain their vehicles.

Long Beach is one of the few cities that manages citations and towing internally. Each year, the City tows approximately 3,500 vehicles due to the three reasons specified in AB 516. Over 50 percent of citations for these vehicles are due to the expiration of vehicle registration; however, vehicle registration is a matter between the Department of Motor Vehicles and vehicle owners. If AB 516 were to become law, the reduced authority would result in a loss of revenue of over $1 million for the City, and nearly $50,000 for the State from mandated surcharges.

Legislation that reduces parking enforcement further aggravates parking availability from affordable housing legislation that implements stricter parking requirements per unit, primarily in large cities. In September 2018, a comprehensive evaluation of on-street and off-street parking was conducted via the City's Downtown Long Beach Areas Parking Study (Study). The Study found that a high demand exists for on-street public parking, both curbside metered and un-metered parking. Creating exemptions for vehicle impoundment, as AB 516 proposes, would result in an influx of abandoned vehicles that reduce available parking options.

The City opposes legislation that terminates resources dedicated to infrastructure that contributes to neighborhood quality. As our citation programs and services demonstrate, Long Beach works well with all stakeholders to support every resident's financial circumstance. We recognize that despite our efforts, parking citations continue to present a financial burden for California residents. However, the City urges state policy proposals aimed at addressing parking fines to consider all factors impacting the management of citations, including, but not limited to, responsible agencies, revenue streams, and other market forces, as these are truly our collective challenges to ease the burden of citation management.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes AB 516 (Gipson and Chiu).

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West
CITY MANAGER

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
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Towing/Parking Homelessness Waiver Policy & Procedure

Overview:
This policy implements a multi-pronged approach to assist individuals living in vehicles to retrieve their vehicles if they are towed. The intent is to waive parking and towing fees if the individual is verified as homeless and meets the indigence criteria adopted for parking citations under AB-2544. In addition to a potential fee waiver, the policy is designed to encourage individuals experiencing homelessness to seek assistance from the City's Multi-Service Center.

Responsibilities:
The Director of Finance will ensure Towing and Commercial Services comply with this policy and the Director of Health and Human Services will ensure compliance through the Homeless Services Division.

Procedure:
Individuals experiencing homelessness whose vehicles are towed by the City's Towing and Lien Sales Division may apply for waiver of their towing and storage fees. Additionally, these individuals may apply for waiver of outstanding parking citations.

These individuals must meet the following criteria to apply for fee waivers:

- Individuals must prove indigence to the Parking Unit in Commercial Services.
- Individuals must be validated as homeless and living in their vehicle by the Homeless Services Division.
- Individuals must be deemed eligible for a waiver by the Homeless Services Division (based on a standardized screening.).
- Only one waiver will be granted per individual.

Individuals will follow these guidelines to apply for waiver of towing/parking fees:

- After their vehicle is towed, interested individuals obtain a Towing/Parking Homelessness Waiver application (attached) from either the Towing and Lien Sales Division or Commercial Services.
- Individuals will fill out the Part A of the application with their basic information.
- Towing and Lien Sales staff fill out Part B of the application (outstanding tow charges.)
- Individuals will fill out Part C of the application (indigence information)
- Individuals will take their application to Commercial Services to verify indigence (Part C) and input a summary of any parking citations in Part D.

Waiver processing:

- After completion of Parts A through D, Commercial Services will return the application to the individual who will take it to Homeless Services.

- Homeless Services will assess the individual for services and referrals based upon a client centered model and perform a site visit to validate the individual is living in their vehicle. (Part E)
- Homeless Services will complete their part of the application (Part E), including eligibility for waiver based on their screening of the individual and their circumstances.
- Homeless Services will forward the completed application to Commercial Services, who in turn will forward to the Finance Director, who is the approval authority. The Finance Director may delegate this authority to the Fleet Services Bureau Manager at his/her discretion.
- The Finance Director (or delegate) will review the information and waive all, some, or no outstanding fees, returning the application to Commercial Services or Towing (as appropriate), with Part F completed.
- Commercial Services or Towing (as appropriate) will contact the individual to complete the waiver process.

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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TOWING/PARKING HOMELESSNESS WAIVER REQUEST

A	**APPLICANT INFORMATION** Registered Owner(s)/Lessee(s) who meet the following criteria may use this form to apply for a waiver of Towing and associated Parking Citations. Applicants must meet the following criteria: 1. Validated as "indigent" by the Parking Unit in Commercial Services. 2. Eligible for homeless services and living in their vehicle, as validated by the Homeless Services Division. 3. Recommended by the Homeless Services Division (based on situational assessment). **Name:**_____ **Phone #:**_____ **Email:**_____ **Address:**_____ **City:**_____ **State:**_____ **Zip:**_____
B	**TOWING CHARGES** *(To be completed by Towing and Lien Sales Division)* **Invoice #:**_____ **License Plate:**_____ **DL #:**_____ **Invoice Amount: $**_____ **Signature:**_____ **Date:**_____ **Name:**_____
C	**VERIFICATION OF INCOME** *(To be completed by Individual)* Please indicate the documentation that you have attached to this application: **(A) Proof of income. Please provide your three (3) most recent pay stubs.** 1. My monthly income amount is: _____ 2. Number of people residing in the household: _____ **(B) Must provide Verification of Benefits Form for Public Assistance, or Award Letter for Social Security. Please check the boxes that apply:** [ ] Employment [ ] Supplemental Security Income [ ] In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) [ ] Food Stamps [ ] California Work Opportunity (Cal Works) [ ] General Relief (GR), County Relief or General Assistance (GA) [ ] Medi-Cal [ ] Other

C	**VERIFICATION OF INCOME (CONTINUED)** **(C) If the Registered Owner(s)/Lessee(s) does not have income or receives public assistance, a copy of annual earnings from the Social Security Department is required.** I certify that all statements are true and correct. Any false or incomplete information may forfeit my rights to a one-time waiver. Signature:_____ Date:_____ Please take this form along with your supporting documents to: Long Beach Parking Citations 333 W Ocean Blvd, Lobby Level Long Beach, CA 90801
D	**PARKING CHARGES** *(To be completed by Commercial Services Bureau)* **Parking Citation Total: $**_____ **Verification of attached documents: Yes [ ] No [ ]** **Approval: Granted [ ] Denied [ ]** **Signature:**_____ **Date:**_____ **Name:**_____
E	**HOMELESS VERIFICATION** *(To be completed by Homeless Services Division)* **Screening provided?: Yes [ ] No [ ] Comments:**_____ **Eligible for Homeless Services?: Yes [ ] No [ ]** _____ **Verified Living in Vehicle: Yes [ ] No [ ]** _____ **Eligible for Waiver: Yes [ ] No [ ]** _____ **Signature:**_____ _____ **Name:**_____ **Date:**_____
F	**APPROVAL** *(Finance Director or designee)* ***Approved [ ] Denied [ ]*** ***Approval Amount: $***_____ **Signature:**_____ **Date:**_____ **Name:**_____ **Title:**_____ *(Send to Commercial Services Bureau or Towing & Lien Sales Division, as appropriate)*

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CITY MANAGER

June 12, 2019

The Honorable Richard Bloom
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2003
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill 1279 (Bloom): Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: High-Resource Areas

Dear Assemblymember Bloom:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to oppose Assembly Bill 1279 (Bloom). On May 7, 2019, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 1279. This bill proposes to require local governments to approve affordable housing on a by-right basis, inclusive of fourplex units in single-family residential zones. While Long Beach understands the need to address the housing crisis in California, we believe cities understand their unique infrastructure best to facilitate the implementation of affordable housing. Moreover, cities that do responsibly work with developers and community groups to increase housing supply should be exempted from the bill.

Long Beach allows projects under certain sizes and thresholds to be built by-right, or with limited staff-level design review. The City strongly supports streamlined development through specific plans and program-level Environmental Impact Reports (PEIRs) to streamline future development, as has been successful in Long Beach's Downtown Plan, Midtown Plan along the Metro Blue Line, and recently adopted Southeast Area Specific Plan (SEASP). This same PEIR approach is being used for the Long Beach General Plan Land Use Element Update, which will allow streamlining of future projects citywide, if they meet planning and zoning requirements. Long Beach also zones for multi-family housing, in some cases, adjacent to single-family residential zones. Land use decisions are carefully researched and thought out by professional staff before recommendation to the City Council for consideration. This approach enables the City to effectively ensure building safety, consider the capacity for public infrastructure to support additional demand for services, and balance land uses to support a healthy community.

The City has cultivated a unique and diverse urban fabric, due, in part, to our careful, yet expeditious planning process as well as experienced City staff who evaluate residential and commercial development applications on a case by case basis, and manage compliance based on locally established zoning ordinances and planning overlay documents. Required use by-right approvals, as proposed by AB 1279, may expedite planning approval, but does nothing to guarantee that projects will be built.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes AB 1279 (Bloom).

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West
CITY MANAGER

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

MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 20, 2019

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Assemblymember, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry). This constitutional amendment will lower the necessary voter threshold from a two-thirds supermajority to 55% to approve local general obligation bonds and special taxes for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects. ACA 1 would provide Long Beach with a more realistic financing option to fund an increase in the supply of affordable housing, and to address the numerous local public infrastructure challenges cities are facing.

The City supports policies that promote the development of affordable and accessible housing. Over the last decade, the City has facilitated the construction of 1,694 new affordable units, preserved nearly 2,000 units, rehabilitated 367 units, and passed the voter-supported Measure A to fund infrastructure and public safety improvements. In addition, the City is developing inclusionary zoning and tenant assistance policies and has 800 affordable units in the development pipeline. To achieve the same or greater levels of affordable housing production moving forward, it is critical to provide opportunities for additional funding sources. ACA 1 would help the City achieve this goal.

ACA 1 will create a viable financing tool to help address important community needs for affordable housing and public infrastructure. This proposal also preserves local voters' control over how their tax dollars are spent, since voters would still need to overwhelmingly support a bond or special tax (with 55 percent) for it to be approved. Rising housing costs are impacting nearly all California communities. ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) not only allows local officials to have a greater role in funding local housing and infrastructure needs, but it gives Long Beach residents a tool to directly impact their communities.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
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July 17, 2019

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

RE: Support for SB 5 (Beall) Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program

Dear Senator Beall:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 5 (Beall). This bill proposes to allow cities to reduce contributions to their associated county's Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) and require the State to provide equivalent funds to ERAFs to expend additional local property tax revenue on affordable housing and housing-related projects. Long Beach has not been immune from California's housing crisis. A sustainable funding source, like that proposed in SB 5, will enable the City to provide greater support for quality affordable housing developments and associated public services.

The City embraces its role in the housing development process, which is to work with the community and developers to permit quality housing developments that are consistent with local land use policies. Statistics on housing development from 2014 to 2018 show developers proposed to build a total of 7,384 new housing units in Long Beach. Of those, the City entitled 3,061 new housing units, continues to work with developers on entitlements for 2,155 new housing units, and denied a mere 5 housing units. Funding from the Program proposed by SB 5 would facilitate construction of affordable housing units to efficiently alleviate the housing crisis.

To sustain quality neighborhoods, a myriad of public services such as street maintenance, parks and safety enforcement are also necessary. The City supports legislation that provides tax increment for affordable housing and public infrastructure benefitting affordable housing without compromising other expenditures. Further, the City appreciates legislative recognition of the correlation between affordable housing and public services and looks forward to equipping neighborhoods with both through funding made available by SB 5.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 5 (Beall).

Sincerely,

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PATRICK H. WEST
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May 16, 2019

The Honorable Scott Weiner
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to Senate Bill 50 (Wiener): Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Incentives

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the Long Beach City Council, I write to respectfully oppose Senate Bill 50 (Wiener). On May 7, 2019, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 50, as amended on May 1, 2019, unless the City of Long Beach (City) is exempted from the legislation in recognition of the volume and rate of permitted affordable housing. While Long Beach understands the need to address the housing crisis in California, we believe cities understand their unique infrastructure best to facilitate the implementation of housing density, as evidenced by their local housing programs and ordinances. Cities that do responsibly work with developers and community groups to increase housing supply should be exempt from the bill.

The City has proven it can effectuate the intentions of SB 50 to increase affordable housing. Local efforts continuously ease the housing shortage via an updated Land Use Element (LUE) in the City's General Plan, streamlined housing development approvals in designated planning areas, an updated Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance and other programs. These actions were part of the City's comprehensive effort to update the City's General Plan and advance Long Beach as a model for waterfront urbanization. These efforts are demonstrating success in terms of production of both affordable and market-rate housing units. Should SB 50 pass, the City's ability to pragmatically increase housing density would be compromised, resulting in incompatible land uses that will challenge economic growth for years to come.

Through responsible local land use decisions, Long Beach has been cognizant of the unique nature of each neighborhood over the years. Through our most recent exercise of local land use approval authority, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to increase allowable height and density and provide significantly more opportunities for housing along major corridors, close to public transit and job centers. These decisions were made based on 12-years of City staff research, data gathering and analysis, more than 67 community meetings, and 1,000 public comments. Throughout the process, not every community was pleased, but by working with neighborhood groups, the City Council was able to adopt an updated land use element that preserves the character of the Long Beach's unique neighborhoods and allows for future growth.

Developers, not cities, build housing. The City embraces our role in the housing development process, which is to work with the community and developers to permit quality housing developments that are consistent with local land use policies. Statistics on housing development from 2014 to 2018 show developers proposed to build a total of 7,384 new housing units in Long Beach. Of the 7,384 housing units proposed, the City:

- Entitled 3,061 new housing units;
- Continues to work with developers on entitlements for 2,155 new housing units; and,
- Denied a mere 5 housing units. Clearly, the City is not impeding the growth of the region's housing supply.

The City also actively supports the development of ADUs with 57 ADUs completed with permits and approvals, while 96 are undergoing construction and 77 are undergoing the approval process.

Once a developer secures entitlement, they can apply for building permits. The City has engaged on 1,933 building permits for new housing units and those housing developments are moving forward; however, more than 1,000 new units of approved housing remains unbuilt because developers have not obtained building permits or begun construction.

Long Beach values livability, walkability and access to transit. Unfortunately, as proposed, SB 50 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, zoning and subdivision guidelines that would exempt certain housing projects in Long Beach from:

- Maximum controls on residential density or floor area ration;
- Minimum parking requirements;
- Maximum proximity to major transit stops; and,
- Maximum building height limits.

The City opposes legislation that would diminish the City's local control over land use, planning, zoning and development decisions as well as legislation that conflicts with the City's adopted General Plan or other Council adopted land use policies. As our housing development statistics demonstrate, Long Beach works well with all stakeholders to support an increase in our city's housing supply. We recognize that despite our efforts, a housing crisis in California persists. However, the City urges state policy proposals aimed at addressing California's housing crisis to consider all factors impacting the production of housing, including but not limited to market forces and non-compliant cities, as these are truly our collective challenges to easing the burden of rising housing costs.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes SB 50 (Wiener).

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 20, 2019

The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
California State Senate
Capitol Office, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 329 (Mitchell) Discrimination: Housing: Source of Income

Dear Senator Mitchell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 329 (Mitchell). Low-income families face constant barriers to finding safe and affordable housing, often which stem from the definition of "source of income." SB 329 proposes to address access to affordable housing by amending the definition of "source of income" to include federal, state, or local public assistance and housing subsidies.

The City supports affordable housing policies consistent with the City's 2013-2021 Housing Element (Housing Element) adopted on January 7, 2014. One of the goals detailed in the Housing Element is to provide public assistance to bridge housing affordability gaps, especially for the extremely-low and very-low-income households. The City's Housing Authority currently receives funds from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide almost 7,000 Section 8 rental assistance vouchers to low-income individuals and families so that they can afford to rent decent, safe, and sanitary housing. SB 329 would increase the prospects for the City's Section 8 recipients to obtain secure housing.

The City's low housing vacancy rate and rising rental rates, combined with the fact that many landlords do not accept Section 8 vouchers, severely limits housing options for Section 8 renters. Requiring landlords to accept public assistance and housing subsidies as sources of income, as SB 329 (Mitchell) proposes, would make housing more accessible for low-income residents in Long Beach.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 329 (Mitchell).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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March 20, 2019

The Honorable Tom Umberg
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 450 (Umberg) California Environmental Quality Act exemption: supportive and transitional housing: motel conversion.

Dear Senator Umberg:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), thank you for introducing Senate Bill 450 (Umberg). Long Beach is proud to sponsor this legislation. In Long Beach, individuals experiencing homelessness and families that are precariously housed face constant barriers in finding housing. This legislation proposes a way to facilitate production of supportive and transitional housing while also improving public safety outcomes in our communities. Exempting interim motel housing projects from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) will allow for expedited conversion of motels into much-needed housing for vulnerable individuals and families.

SB 450 is consistent with the City's support of policies that promote the development of affordable and accessible housing. It is also imperative that Long Beach residents live in safe communities, attend safe schools, and are contributing and connected members of their communities. This bill achieves both of these goals while also building on the City's work to-date. Recently, the City identified several nuisance motels that have disproportionately high calls for service and crime reports. Furthermore, the City's Everyone Home Task Force identified priority recommendations to provide a comprehensive housing and support system to prevent residents from falling into homelessness and while providing new pathways to housing.

Exempting motel conversion projects from CEQA, as SB 450 (Umberg) proposes, would facilitate the production of supportive and transitional housing and would reduce the negative

externalities of nuisance motels borne by nearby communities. SB 450 is a pivotal, coordinated step forward in producing supportive housing units and ending homelessness in Long Beach.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to sponsor and supports SB 450 (Umberg).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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March 27, 2019

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 521 (Portantino) Income taxes: credits: leased or rented property: Section 8 assistance

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 521 (Portantino). Low-income families and veterans face constant barriers in finding safe and affordable housing. This legislation proposes a way to address one of these barriers – that landlords currently have no financial incentive to accept HUD-issued Section 8 vouchers. Once a household does obtain a Section 8 voucher, they then must find housing within a certain price range based on the tenant household's income. Often, landlords must reduce their rent below market value to make their units eligible for Section 8 vouchers. Because there is no financial incentive for landlords to do this, many families that possess Section 8 vouchers are left with few or no housing choices.

This legislation proposes a solution by proposing a state income tax credit to property owners that rent to persons receiving assistance under Section 8. This goal is consistent with the City's support of policies that promote the development of affordable and accessible housing. The City supports full funding for housing assistance programs, including existing Section 8 vouchers and administrative costs. Further, it is critical that the City provide housing opportunities for veterans, and this legislation presents a clear means of doing so. The legislation would also strengthen the City's existing Homeless Incentive Program, which provides financial protections and other safeguards to landlords who agree to accept subsidized tenants.

The City's low housing vacancy rate and rising rental rates, combined with the fact that many landlords do not accept Section 8 vouchers, severely limits housing options for Section 8 renters. Providing state income tax credits to property owners contributing to the Section 8 voucher-eligible housing stock, as SB 521 (Portantino) proposes, would make housing more accessible for low-income residents in Long Beach and allow these residents to easily access parks, schools, libraries, and other essential City services.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 521 (Portantino).

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March 20, 2019

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
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RE: Support for SB 532 (Portantino) Redevelopment: bond proceeds: affordable housing

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 532 (Portantino). With the dissolution of the state's 400 plus redevelopment agencies (RDAs) in 2012, municipalities across California were left with large bonds allocated to RDA project areas that they could not utilize under State law. Existing State law requires remaining RDA bond proceeds to be defeased or purchased on the open market for cancellation. This legislation instead proposes that RDA successor agencies be allowed to use bond proceeds to increase, improve, and preserve affordable housing.

The City of Long Beach supports policies that promote the development of affordable and accessible housing. The Long Beach Community Investment Company (the City's RDA successor agency) has leveraged more than $400M in funding to support development of affordable housing over the past decade. In the same timeframe, the City has facilitated the construction of 1,694 new affordable units, preserved nearly 2,000 units, rehabilitated 367 existing units. In addition, the City is developing inclusionary zoning and tenant assistance policies and has 800 affordable units in the development pipeline. To achieve the same or greater levels of affordable housing production moving forward, it is critical that any and all funding sources be made available.

The housing crisis is not an issue that municipalities can address alone; it is regional in scale. The City of Glendale has an approximately $27 million RDA bond that it is prevented from using under existing State law. Unlocking RDA bond funds for developing, improving, and preserving affordable housing, as SB 532 (Portantino) proposes, would allow cities like Glendale and Long Beach to produce affordable housing to keep pace with increasing statewide demand. Rising housing costs are impacting nearly all California communities. This legislation directly addresses this problem by freeing up resources that will directly increase the supply of affordable housing.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 532 (Portantino).

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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April 29, 2019

The Honorable Ling Ling Chang
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4062
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 64 (Chang): Dogs and Cats: Microchip Implants

Dear Senator Chang:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support Senate Bill 64 (Chang). This legislation requires all dogs and cats be microchipped prior to adoption. As a City that is committed to microchipping pets preceding adoption or reunification, Long Beach supports SB 64.

On May 4, 2010, the Long Beach City Council directed the City Manager to develop a funding and implementation plan for microchipping pets within the Long Beach Animal Care Shelter (Shelter) with the goal of increasing owner-pet reunification and reducing euthanasia. As a result, the City has been committed to microchipping pets preceding adoption or reunification for almost 10 years. This strategy, in combination with other policy changes, has reduced pet admissions at the Shelter by 49 percent; euthanasia rates decreased by 82 percent; and adoptions of all animals increased by 78 percent. Overall, changes to the City's animal care program, including mandatory microchipping, increased adoption or reunification of cats and dogs by 52 percent over the last 10 years. As of April 2019, the City is on track to achieve 84 percent and 94 percent adoption or reunification rates for cats and dogs, respectively.

SB 64 proposes to require all dogs and cats be microchipped prior to adoption. With the success we have seen at the Long Beach Animal Care Shelter, the City wholeheartedly supports this proposal. Standardized microchipping will improve animal management in California by increasing reunification.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to support SB 64 (Chang).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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May 31, 2019

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

RE: Support for ACA 8 (Low): Elections: Voter Qualifications

Dear Assemblymember Low:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 8 (Low). This legislation proposes to lower the voting age from 18 to 17 years of age in an effort to increase the young voter turnout, coinciding with their introduction to government through secondary education.

By expanding the State voting age, young adults are encouraged to participate in an early lifelong democracy. Ahead of the 2018 Midterm Elections, the City partnered with Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) and local colleges on National Voter Registration Day to promote voter pre-registration, registration, and ballot casting. Should ACA 8 become adopted as State law, the City looks forward to expanding ballot casting outreach amongst 17-year olds to invigorate the State's young voter turnout.

The City supports legislation that increases youth participation in voting and civic engagement. To leverage resources and expand program outreach, the City partners with local high schools, LBUSD Board of Education, County Board of Education and community organizations. The City wholeheartedly commends young adults' passion for civic engagement and believes in retaining their enthusiasm. By lowering the voting age to 17-years old, as proposed by ACA 8, Long Beach youth can amplify their opinions through civic engagement.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports ACA 8 (Low).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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May 2, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the Assembly
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 593 Unemployment insurance: use of information: public workforce development programs

Dear Speaker Rendon:

The City of Long Beach is pleased to support AB 593, legislation designed to help improve workforce programming and services from Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) across the State of California.

Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) Federal funding to Local Workforce Development Boards come with some of the most stringent reporting requirements of job-training programs in the Country. This also means that extensive wage information is available from and stored in the State of California's Employment Development Department's (EDD) CalJOBS online database. Unfortunately, EDD's ability to share this information with local boards is limited by the current wording of the Unemployment Insurance Code (UIC). Access to this data is critical for long-range program effectiveness.

Through EDD's CalJOBS system LWDBs are currently able to obtain limited wage information for clients served with WIOA funding. Information includes: client name, social security number, workforce program completion dates, employer and quarterly wages for the 4 quarters following a client's completion of WIOA-funded workforce programming. This data allows local boards to track if WIOA clients gain employment and report wages in the 4 quarters after they have received workforce development services.

However, LWDBs often have diverse funding streams that include dollars beyond Federal WIOA funds, coming from county, city, State, or philanthropic sources. Some LWDBs in California have as little as 8% of their overall budget composed of federal funds. LWDBs must still report the clients served in CalJobs to EDD, no matter the funding stream.

To this end, current wording of the CUIC limits a LWDB using non-federal funds to track the effectiveness of their programs using CalJOBS data. This is limiting in ways including but not limited to:

- Restricting a LWDB's ability to reliably track if clients remain in their jobs after placement.
- Fully understand the impact of placing clients into career pathways, by eliminating our ability to track clients along their career progression several years out from the original placement.
- Assess long term impacts of programs compared to each other, not only at the local level, but at the Regional and State Level as well.

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Currently, the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (PGWIN), which is housed within the City of Long Beach and serves Long Beach amongst other cities, has provided workforce services to 8,476 individuals during the last 10 months. Without access to the data this bill would create, PGWIN would only be able to track and report outcomes on 1,471 individuals. Access to data is essential to empowering our workforce development board with supporting our local workforce.

County Social Services Agencies are among several entities that already utilize this kind of access to the Base Wage File data discussed in this measure. By clarifying and expanding access to include LWDBs and County and City Agencies serving as a Federal Recognized LWDB, California can better analyze the investments we have made in Workforce Development over the years, and be better served to provide critical skills and services to our State's Job Seekers and Businesses.

The City of Long Beach again urges a "Yes" vote on AB 593. For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Legislative Director Jessica Zaragoza at Jessica.zaragoza@asm.ca.gov.

In advance, thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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City of Long Beach

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 25, 2019

The Honorable Toni Atkins
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 451 (Atkins) Personal income and corporation taxes: credits: rehabilitation

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 451 (Atkins). Historic buildings throughout California, and in Long Beach, are vital community assets. Restoring and preserving these buildings is critical to spurring economic development, increasing tourism, and fostering vibrant and inclusive neighborhoods. This legislation meets this goal by proposing a state tax credit for rehabilitation of certified historic structures or qualified residences.

Incorporated in 1888, the City of Long Beach contains over 60 residential neighborhoods and 17 historical districts. The City is committed to historic preservation, as demonstrated through the establishment of the Cultural Heritage Commission and creation of the Historic Preservation Ordinance which includes provisions for the designation of landmarks and historic districts, review and oversight of historic structure rehabilitation, and incentives for historic preservation. Long Beach is currently witnessing a development boom, including four key historic rehabilitation projects: the redevelopment of the Breakers Hotel, the transformation of a bank at 110 Pine Ave into residential units, the reopening of Long Beach Community Hospital, and the adaptive reuse of the 1929 Ocean Center Building in Downtown. SB 451's proposed tax credit would facilitate the completion of these four projects and drive future investment in Long Beach.

The City supports policies that strengthen our established industries and emerging sectors, as well as policies that increase investment in business corridors. Providing tax credits for historic preservation, as SB 451 (Atkins) proposes, would incentivize development of Long Beach's historic structures, thus driving investment in the City's historic communities, facilitating economic development, generating jobs, and preserving vital components of Long Beach's history.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 451 (Atkins).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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April 2, 2019

The Honorable Steven Bradford
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 455 (Bradford) Financial Empowerment Fund: unbanked and underbanked populations

Dear Senator Bradford:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 455 (Bradford). Long Beach currently provides many services intended to provide financial and labor opportunities to underserved populations, including youth and low-income households. The City is also committed to promoting economic inclusion through strategies such as the Kiva loan program, the BizPort online business portal, and the Pacific Gateway workforce development center. This legislation would support these ongoing efforts by providing grants to local nonprofits for financial education and financial empowerment programs, specifically for unbanked and underbanked populations in the state.

The City of Long Beach supports policies that increase access to economic opportunities for low-income communities to advance economic equity. Specifically, the City has continued to support legislation that increases the number of minority-owned and women-owned businesses and provides these same businesses with non-traditional capital resources. In the 2018 Blueprint for Economic Development, the City tasked itself with creating a financial empowerment strategy to increase wealth-building education and access to traditional banking services. SB 455 provides a critical financial resource to meet this goal and will allow the City to extend its services through our non-profit partners to unbanked and underbanked individuals.

Bridging the digital and economic divide is a policy priority for the City of Long Beach. Establishment of a state $1M structural Financial Empowerment Fund earmarked for community-based financial education and financial empowerment programs, as SB 455 (Bradford) proposes, would allow the City to catalyze vital economic opportunities for our most vulnerable residents and businesses.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 455 (Bradford).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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March 18, 2019

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

RE: Support for AB 751 (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 751 (O'Donnell). This legislation gives all school districts throughout the state the choice to administer a college admissions test such as the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) to their 11th grade students in lieu of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) during the school day and free of charge.

Our Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) has been one of over 40 school districts to offer alternative college entrance exams, in addition to the CAASPP, to 11th grade students. This practice is in line with the Long Beach College Promise, of which the City of 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.

Offering the SAT or ACT exams free of charge and during the school day increases our students' chances for success in college. The ability for Long Beach's high school students to take these important college entrance exams at the safety and security of their own high

school campuses during the day, gives students an environment to perform to the best of their ability. The City supports the ability for all school districts to have the flexibility to offer these exams during the day.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 751 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

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August 6, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5094
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition for SB 206 (Skinner): Collegiate Athletics: Fair Pay to Play Act

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in opposition of SB 206 (Skinner). This legislation proposes to permit college athletes to earn compensation through corporate sponsorship and prohibits universities from interfering. In Long Beach, Long Beach City College (LBCC) and California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) serve as local education hubs. As a member of the Long Beach College Promise (Promise), the City has an interest in ensuring CSULB has ample resources to focus on providing local students with a quality education.

The premise of the Promise is that all students deserve an opportunity to succeed. This belief sustains the City's partnership in its Promise to prepare all students for academia, extra-curricular activities and their future careers. Established in 2008, the Promise provides Long Beach Unified School District students two tuition-free years at LBCC and/or guaranteed admission to CSULB, contingent upon their ability to meet eligibility requirements. In March of 2019, an expanded version of the Promise was launched to provide dual-advising services and admission pathways to specific majors at CSULB.

The City supports the Promise. Allowing college athletes to accept corporate sponsorships, as SB 206 proposes, is likely to deter universities investments in local students. The City enjoys the amateur sport experience that CSULB Athletics contributes to Long Beach. SB 206 would adversely change the experience for local students and community fans.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach respectfully opposes SB 206 (Skinner).

Sincerely,

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PATRICK H. WEST
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March 19, 2019

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
California State Assembly
1020 N. Street, Room 2163
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 926 (O'Donnell) Oil revenue: Oil Trust Fund

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), thank you for introducing Assembly Bill 926 (O'Donnell). Long Beach is proud to support this legislation. Removing the $300 million cap on the State's Oil Trust Fund (Fund) would enable the State to continue contributing oil revenues derived from the Long Beach Tidelands to fully meet the State's environmental responsibilities, as they relate to oil field abandonment. These funds are essential in ensuring responsible environmental stewardship when oil operations cease in the future.

Since 1965, the State Lands Commission has been our partner in the operation of the offshore oil platforms along the Long Beach coastline, known as the Long Beach Unit. The Long Beach Unit is composed of four large artificial islands, each of which supports oil wells and associated facilities. In 2018, as the majority owner of oil operations in the Long Beach Tidelands, the State Lands Commission sponsored legislation to remove the cap on the State Oil Trust Fund. 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 $904 million. By lifting the current $300 million cap, the State's share of abandonment liability shortfall of $604 million would be alleviated.

As the local jurisdiction in which these oil operations are being conducted, the City is invested in fully funding oil abandonment costs that include responsible use and protection of the environment. As an owner in the oil field, the City also has our own oil abandonment fund, which does not have a cap, and to which the City deposits revenues annually. Once operations cease and revenue is no longer generated, the City and the State's Oil Trust Funds become the primary source to fund the substantial abandonment and decommissioning work. It is essential that sufficient funds are available to meet all oil abandonment costs.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 926 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

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July 16, 2019

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4001
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1362 (O'Donnell) Electricity: load-serving entities: rate and program information

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1362 (O'Donnell). AB 1362 proposes to establish a centralized actual energy-use database that is accessible and user-friendly to both the City and its residents through the California Public Utilities Commission and utility provider websites. Access to actual residential electric rates data is essential to evaluating opportunities for becoming better stewards of our environment through improved energy consumption policies, programs and practices.

On October 2018, the City Council requested the City to conduct a comprehensive Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Feasibility Study to forecast costs, as well as identify the benefits and risks with implementing a CCA program for the City. On April 23, 2019, a Feasibility Study Status Update noted that CCA's benefits may include purchasing a higher percentage of renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, providing additional support to the green energy industry, and establishing local control of energy procurement. The update report also noted possible challenges and highlighted the need for additional energy-use data for residential and small commercial customers for a more robust CCA assessment. Currently, the City can only access this information after it formally states its intent to move to a CCA. The City, however, needs the actual energy-use data to accurately forecasts costs and to identify benefits and risks with implementing a CCA program.

AB 1362 grants cities access to information needed for proper evaluation of options for energy resiliency, to support sustainable energy, and for residents to become more informed about their energy procurement options.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1362 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 31, 2019

The Honorable Monique Limón
California State Assembly
1020 N. St., Room 6031
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 470 (Limón) California Green Business Program

Dear Assemblymember Limón:

On behalf of the City Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 470 (Limón). This legislation proposes to establish and fund the California Green Business Program (Program) within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Program is critical to funding several initiatives in the City of Long Beach (City), that promote green and sustainable business within our community.

The City is a member of the California Green Business Network. This means all Long Beach businesses have an opportunity to join a network of over 4,000 businesses across California committed to sustainability. This free program offers certification and recognition to all qualified businesses in Long Beach. Businesses that become certified receive a certificate, a window decal, rights to the Green Business logo, a listing on the California Green Business Network directory, promotion through City website and social media pages, and access to a network of like-minded sustainable businesses. It is a great economic development tool that supports a larger culture shift towards green businesses.

The City has been a long advocate for sustainable living. Long Beach became one of the first cities in California to ban single-use plastic bags in 2011. In 2018, the City began to phase out polystyrene, and in 2019, Long Beach became the first City to support SB 54 (Allen), which proposes to create the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act with the policy goal of achieving a 75-percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and products offered for sale or sold in the state through source reduction, recycling, or composting. As a coastal city, we truly value policies that protect the environment, while also supporting green business practices.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 470 (Limón).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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April 29, 2019

The Honorable Mark Stone
California State Assembly
1020 N. Street, Room 2163
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 552 (Stone) Coastal Resources: Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program

Dear Assemblymember Stone:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 552 (Stone). Establishing a Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program and Fund, as AB 552 proposes, would allow the State to implement actions that address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change.

Long Beach contains more than seven miles of coastline and has several neighborhoods in imminent danger of sea level rise. The City is in the process of developing its own Climate Action and Adaption Plan (CAAP), which when complete, will provide a framework for establishing policies, programs, practices, and incentives for Long Beach residents and businesses to reduce our collective greenhouse gas footprint, and ensure the community and physical assets are better protected from the impacts of climate change. A Coastal Adaption, Access, and Resilience Program and Fund as proposed through AB 552 would dovetail with our existing climate change planning efforts and provide the City with much-needed resources to tackle coastal climate change.

Long Beach supports policies and legislation that set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming, as well as funding, recognition, and support of local government action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The City intends to work with the California Coastal Commission to implement actions designed to reasonably address sea level rise and coastal climate change. AB 552 (Stone) proposes a mechanism to accomplish this goal and is essential to preserving the California coastline.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 552 (Stone).

Sincerely,

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June 11, 2019

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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May 31, 2019

The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4076
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 54 (Allen) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act

Dear Senator Allen:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Senate Bill 54 (Allen). On April 9, 2019, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to support this legislation. SB 54 proposes to require at least 75 percent of the State's distributed single-use products be source reduced or recycled by 2030. As a City that is committed to environmental responsibility, the City supports this bill.

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Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 54 (Allen).

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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May 7, 2019

The Honorable Tom Umberg
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3076
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 400 (Umberg) Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Mobility Options

Dear Senator Umberg:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Senate Bill 400 (Umberg). Currently, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) administers the Clean Cars 4 All Program, which enables low-income State residents to trade in higher-polluting vehicles for $2,500 towards a used or new hybrid, plug-in hybrid, or zero-emission vehicle. This program is intended to reduce greenhouse gas. SB 400 proposes to expand mobility credit options to include bikeshare and electric vehicles, thus bolstering the State's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

With nearly 160 miles of bikeways and a thriving bike-sharing program, Long Beach is well equipped to accommodate the mobility vouchers proposed in SB 400. In March 2018, the Long Beach City Council adopted updates to the City's 2040 General Plan, including a vision for Long Beach as a multi-modal city that supports pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, and promotes zero- or low-GHG mobility options. In tandem, the City has committed to expand the Long Beach bike-share network to North Long Beach, adding 600 new bicycles to the fleet and doubling the number of hubs by the end of 2019. Should SB 400 become adopted as State law, the City looks forward to working with our bike-share vendors to that mobility vouchers are accepted as a form of payment. Expanding CARB vouchers to include bike-share and electric bicycles, as SB 400 proposes, would further promote our existing bike-share and incentivize residents to service sustainable modes of transportation.

The City supports policies that increase access to green or low-carbon transportation options. Long Beach is in the process of developing a Climate Action and Adaption Plan (CAAP), which will provide a framework for residents and businesses to reduce our collective GHG footprint. SB 400's proposed expansion of alternative transportation options would strengthen our ability to provide equitable transportation opportunities for residents - an essential step in reducing GHG emissions and achieving the State's long-term sustainability goals.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 400 (Umberg).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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April 29, 2019

The Honorable Eloise Gómez Reyes
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2175
Sacramento, CA 94249-0047

RE: Support for AB 194 (Reyes): Childcare and Development Services

Dear Assemblymember Reyes:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 194 (Reyes). This legislation proposes to improve access to early childhood development programs by allocating $1 billion to alternative payment programs and general childcare for children from infancy to 13 years of age. By doing so, AB 194 increases opportunities for the Long Beach community to access childcare and enhance family quality of life.

Research demonstrates the first few years of life lay the foundation for lifelong success and investments in early childhood have the strongest social and economic impact. In 2018, the City, in partnership with the Mayor's Fund for Education, produced the City's first comprehensive Early Childhood Education Strategic Plan (Plan). This Plan seeks to increase access and affordability of early care and education while improving quality of services.

Long Beach is a young and vibrant City, making this is an exciting time to engage in early childhood development. With that said, 16,164 children in Long Beach are eligible for state and federal early childhood subsidies but remain unserved. Statistics show 46 percent of children living in the 90813-zip code, which is a disadvantaged community per the California Environmental Agency's CalEnviroScreen, live in poverty; even in wealthier areas of the City, 3.6 percent of children live in poverty. When the average cost of annual child care for family childcare is $8,000, increasing to more than $13,000 for center childcare, additional aid must be made available to ensure more children have access to a brighter future.

AB 194 will provide families with additional options to access early childhood development programs. The bill is consistent with the goals of the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Strategic Plan.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 194 (Reyes).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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June 17, 2019

The Honorable Eloise Reyes
California State Capitol
State Capitol, Room 2175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 568 (Reyes): California Care Corps Act

Dear Assemblymember Reyes:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support Assembly Bill 568 (Reyes). This bill allows the State to contract with nonprofit grantees to provide volunteer respite care for older adults who are at least 65 years of age and who have a dementia-related illness. The additional assistance sponsored by this bill will make life easier for our City's over 43,000 older adults who have difficulty meeting needed self-care or who live independently.

The City is committed to healthy aging for older adults, especially those with mental health issues. To create a more livable city for older adults, in 2005, the City developed a Strategic Plan for Older Adults (Strategic Plan). The Strategic Plan found that older adults face a myriad of societal barriers, including social and linguistic isolation, limited income, and disability. The Strategic Plan also noted that 47 percent of the City's older adult population lives alone, and 40 percent of older adults live with at least one disability. The City has focused its efforts to address older adults' physical health, mental health, and safety concerns experienced while conducting activities of daily living. Additional volunteer respite care, as proposed by AB 568, would help the City accelerate the Strategic Plan focus areas to meet the needs of older adults.

The City's older adult population continues to grow and become more diverse, and it is imperative to develop and implement strategies to meet their needs. AB 568 provides the opportunity to leverage volunteerism from trained individuals, who can provide much needed respite and self-care assistance for mentally ill seniors, who need it most.

For these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 568 (Reyes).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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March 25, 2019

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
California State Assembly
1020 N. Street, Room 2163
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1014 (O'Donnell) Health Facilities: Notices

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1014 (O'Donnell). This legislation amends the Health and Safety Code to require hospitals and health facilities to provide public notice of at least 180 days in advance of downgrading, changing, or closing. The extension of public notice from 90 days to 180 days allows communities to better plan for discrepancies in access to health services, if a facility were to close or provide reduced services.

The City supports legislation that enhances public health services. By requiring additional advanced notice to the public about upcoming changes in service or closure of a hospital or health facility, the City believes that the serviced community will be able to adequately prepare. While increased notice cannot guarantee a seamless transition for the hospital or health facility, it can help address community concerns.

It is imperative that Long Beach residents have access to health services and are active members of their community. When Long Beach Community Hospital closed in July 2018 due to the need for seismic retrofitting, Long Beach residents were vocal about the need to reopen the hospital. The City was attentive to the community and prioritized identifying a viable solution. Had the City had more time to strategize, the City could have worked to provide interim health services during remodeling. Extending public notice for hospitals and health facilities prior to downgrading, changing or closing, as AB 1014 (O'Donnell) proposes, would improve strategies to maintain access to health services for residents of Long Beach.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1014 (O'Donnell).

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Blanca Rubio
California State Capitol
Capitol Office, Room 5175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1118 (Rubio): Land use: general plan: livability issues for older adults

Dear Assemblymember Rubio:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support Assembly Bill 1118 (Rubio). This bill seeks to direct the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to address livability issues for older adults by including elements of livability, developed by the World Health Organization and specifically addressing livability issues for older adults, into the State's General Plan Guidelines.

The City has a strong history of committing to planning and caring for older adults. In June 2005, the City engaged the community and developed a comprehensive strategic plan for older adults. In 2015, the Long Beach City Council directed staff to update the plan. Building upon this work, a 2018 City report identifies five core needs surrounding supports for healthy aging:

1. Create more affordable senior-appropriate housing;
2. Enhanced transportation options for all seniors;
3. Encourage Wraparound health services to address complex health and mental health issues;
4. Proactively address safety concerns in active daily living; and,
5. Leverage intergenerational programs and volunteerism to improve seniors' quality of life.

We must continue to leverage technologies, economies and opportunities for older adults. AB 1118 encourages this by formally including planning for older adults in the State's General Plan Guidelines.

For these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1118 (Rubio).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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July 3, 2019

The Honorable Chris Holden
California State Assembly
1020 N. Street, Room 5132
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1152 (Holden) Vital Records

Dear Assemblymember Holden:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1152 (Holden). This legislation proposes to enable local health jurisdictions that serve cities to issue vital records such as birth and death certificates. This expansion of services would improve health care service delivery, particularly for our homeless population as vital records are often required to deliver services.

Due to the passage of AB 2561 in 2018, State law has prohibited cities from distributing vital records. Despite the City's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) being centrally located in our community, residents must retrieve vital records over 30 miles away at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Administration (LACDPH). This has resulted in negative impacts to service delivery.

The City supports legislation that enhances public health services. For years, the Long Beach homeless services Continuum of Care (CoC) has been nationally recognized as a well-coordinated system of care. The City goes to great lengths to provide our homeless outreach teams with the resources and information they need to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness reach permanent housing. It is with this in mind, we are requesting access to the State's Vital Records Image Redaction and Statewide Access (VRIRSA) database.

Given these reasons, I support AB 1152 (Holden).

Sincerely,

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City of Long Beach

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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July 3, 2019

The Honorable Tom Daly
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3120
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Assembly Bill 1779 (Daly) Recovery Residences

Dear Assemblymember Daly:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support Assembly Bill 1779 (Daly). This legislation proposes to require the State to adopt and implement county standards for recovery residences. The City has long supported legislation that regulates recovery residences and is thankful for the introduction of AB 1779.

There has been a long-lasting need for local jurisdiction regulation over recovery residences. Operators provide a needed service to those seeking re-entry into communities, rehabilitation, and recovery. While most operators manage their residences well, without negatively impacting neighborhoods, the potential for over-saturation of homes has been known to cause issues pertaining to neighborhood safety and quality of life. Far more concerning is the apparent lack of social services to provide for the diverse needs of the sober-living community. The City has a long history of supporting legislation that proposes increased regulations for recovery residences and appreciates AB 1779 provides an additional opportunity to adopt local regulations.

The City supports legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities. Local standards for recovery residences, as proposed by AB 1779, will connect recovering Long Beach residents with necessary social services and increase quality of life for all residents.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1779 (Daly).

Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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July 12, 2019

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

RE: Support for ACR 99 (Low): Civil Rights: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender People

Dear Assemblymember Low:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support ACR 99 (Low). California made history in 2012 when it became the first state to explicitly protect Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) youth under 18 years of age from sexual orientation change efforts, commonly known as conversion therapy. ACR 99 calls upon all Californians to treat one another fairly, and upon religious leaders to counsel on LGBTQ matters with compassion and knowledge of the harms of conversion therapy.

The City, along with other levels of government and many non-profit programs covering Long Beach, offer benefits and services for its estimated 80,000 LGBTQ residents. Long Beach recognizes that despite our best efforts, more can be done to encourage awareness, acceptance, and respect for individual differences. Therefore, the City supports efforts, such as ACR 99, that emphasize relationship building with non-profit organizations to promote inclusivity. The City appreciates that ACR 99 was a collaborative effort involving faith and LGBTQ leaders seeking to find common ground.

Long Beach takes pride in being named as one of the best cities in the nation for LGBTQ inclusion in municipal law and policy for seven years in a row. In 2018, Long Beach was one of only 78 cities nationwide to achieve a perfect score in the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index. The City's inclusive policies include Workplace Inclusiveness Training, Non-Discrimination in City Employment, Trans-Inclusive Healthcare Benefits, and the City's Enumerated Anti-Bullying School Policies. As we remain committed to these policies, ACR 99 will help ensure that hate and discrimination have no place in our community.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports ACR 99 (Low).
Sincerely,

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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July 15, 2019

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

RE: Support for SB 285 (Wiener) Public Social Services

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support Senate Bill 285 (Wiener). This bill proposes to increase participation in public social services, including, but not limited to, CalFresh and Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). As a City with one of three health departments in Los Angeles County (County), the City appreciates that SB 285 recognizes the need to increase enrollment in these important community wellness programs.

The City is committed to promoting access to services, especially those that improve neighborhoods and community wellness. According to estimates from the May 2019 Local Agency participation report, 62,188 out of 100,303 Long Beach residents eligible for CalFresh are enrolled in the program. This does not include the estimated 39,946 residents, including older adults and people with disabilities, who may be eligible for CalFresh as of June 1, 2019 due to the historic expansion for Supplemental Security Income recipients. Additionally, 14,430 out of 16,007 Long Beach residents eligible for WIC are enrolled. The City is interested in increasing program participation so that every one of our residents eligible for the programs can benefit. SB 285 recognizes the gap in participation and proposes to close this gap by committing to enroll all eligible residents by simplifying the application process, providing improved linguistic access, and enhancing data collection for quality improvements.

To keep Californians healthy, the federal government allocates funding for public services based on County demographics. The City supports the State Legislature's efforts to ensure that every eligible Californian can access these existing resources. The City supports the opportunity SB 285 provides for increased collaboration to promote enrollment in public social services.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 285 (Wiener).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
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July 8, 2019

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 720 (Muratsuchi) Community Colleges: Funding: Instructional Service Agreements with Public Safety Agencies

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support Assembly Bill 720 (Muratsuchi). This legislation proposes to fund Instructional Service Agreement (ISA) courses at community colleges led by public safety agencies using the previous apportionment rate. As a City that oversees two ISAs, the City is pleased that AB 720 recognizes the need for the distinct funding structure.

The Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) and Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) have provided ISA courses in partnership with community colleges for over 20 years. In 2018, the City's ISA agreement with East Los Angeles College allowed both LBPD and LBFD to deliver 84 courses to 741 public safety employees. Through the ISA, LBFD instructs over 200 additional fire personnel annually at the Captain David Rosa Regional Training Center, a State-accredited local academy. Due to state regulations, equipment, and instructor ratios, the costs associated with public safety ISA courses are higher than other community college courses. The distinct funding structure for public safety ISAs, as proposed by AB 720, will sustain public safety training ISA courses Statewide.

Public safety personnel are atypical students that are required to attend specialized training courses. ISA course funding should be sufficient to meet the training needs of public safety personnel. The City supports the opportunity AB 720 provides for all ISA courses to be funded using the previous apportionment rate.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 720 (Muratsuchi).

Sincerely,

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August 2, 2019

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

RE: Concern for AB 1215 (Ting) Law Enforcement: Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Surveillance

Dear Assemblymember Ting:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to express concern about the portion of Assembly Bill 1215 (Ting) that proposes to prohibit the use of facial recognition technologies in conjunction with law enforcement agencies use of body-worn cameras. In context with existing laws, specifically, AB 748 and SB 1421 in 2018, the adoption of AB 1215 would result in delays to the availability of public records and prove costly to law enforcement agencies statewide.

The Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) began implementation of a body-worn camera program in 2016. As part of this program, the City is responsible for managing recording for public dissemination, in compliance with AB 748 and AB 1421. This requires extensive staff time and attention to detail. Facial recognition technologies help speed the process of releasing Public Records Act requests by quickly identifying individuals and businesses depicted in the recordings for those individuals and businesses to be redacted from the footage prior to the release of records. The proposal to eliminate the use of biometric surveillance technologies in conjunction with body-worn camera footage, as proposed by AB 1215, would mean this detail review would be left to the human eye, significantly slowing down the release of Public Records Act requests. In the interest of maintaining trust with stakeholders seeking recordings, it is critical the City be able to employ technologies, such as facial recognition to increase the efficiency of our work.

The City supports cross-sector collaborative approaches to violence prevention and public safety and works diligently to build positive relationships with our community. As users of body-worn cameras, we must also fulfill our obligation to protect those depicted in recordings who have a reasonable expectation of privacy. It is from this perspective that we write to express concern with AB 1215.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is concerned about AB 1215 (Ting).

Sincerely,

Patrick H. West
CITY MANAGER

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 29, 2019

The Honorable David Chiu
California State Assembly
120 N. Street, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1113 (Chiu) Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1113 (Chiu). This legislation proposes to establish a State Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to support immigrants and State agencies that provide immigration services. As a city that prides itself on our diversity, Long Beach supports AB 1113.

The City is committed to fostering trust between City officials, residents and visitors to protect local resources, encourage cooperation between public and City officials and to ensure public safety for all. On March 13, 2018, the Long Beach City Council adopted the 'Long Beach Values Act of 2018' which established procedures for the requesting, collecting, maintaining and disclosing of sensitive information and the enforcement of federal immigration law. The Long Beach Values Act expands the City's support for California Senate Bill 54, more commonly known as the 'California Values Act', and is implemented through City Manager Administrative Regulation (AR 8-33). This Regulation is applicable to all City departments and offices responsible directly to the City Manager. It is also requested that elected offices, independent offices and departments of the City comply with these procedures in the interest of administrative uniformity.

In April 2019, the City announced receipt of a $100,000 Safety and Fairness for Everyone Cities Catalyst Grant from the Vera Institute of Justice and the selection of Immigrant Defenders Law Center as the legal service provider in recognition of the City's FY19 allocation of $250,000 to initiate the Long Beach Justice Fund (Fund). Approved by City Council on December 4, 2018, this Fund will support legal representation for immigrants who live or work in Long Beach and are facing deportation. While the City's commitment through AR 8-33 and the Fund are important to supporting local immigrants, it is vital that the State participate in assisting immigrants. The establishment of an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to coordinate State immigration services, as AB 1113 (Chiu) proposes, will provide a framework for more effective organization of services to support the City's immigrant community.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1113 (Chiu).

Sincerely,

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August 6, 2019

The Honorable Wendy Carrillo
California State Assembly
120 N. Street, Room 4167
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1753 (Carrillo) Immigration Consultants

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1753 (Carrillo). This legislation would make it unlawful to provide immigration consultation services, for compensation, unless an individual is authorized to practice law or a supervised paralegal. As a City that prides itself on supporting our community, Long Beach supports AB 1753.

On March 13, 2018, the Long Beach City Council adopted the 'Long Beach Values Act of 2018,' which established procedures for the requesting, collecting, maintaining, and disclosing of sensitive information, and the enforcement of federal immigration law. The Long Beach Values Act expands the City's support for California Senate Bill 54, more commonly known as the 'California Values Act,' and is implemented through a City Administrative Regulation (AR 8-33).

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Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1753 (Carrillo).

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