April 14, 2021

The Honorable John P. Sarbanes  
United States House of Representatives  
2370 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for H.R. 1—The For the People Act

Dear Representative Sarbanes,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of H.R. 1, the For the People Act. On March 23, 2021, the Long Beach City Council unanimously voted to support this proposal to strengthen and ensure voting rights across the country.

The For the People Act proposes several provisions to expand and protect voter eligibility nationwide. It would implement automatic voter registration, allow same-day registration, and require each registered voter receive a mailed ballot and be able to vote early. To better protect fair and equitable elections, the Act includes security measures such as sharing intelligence information with state election officials, supporting states in securing their election systems, developing a national strategy to protect U.S. democratic institutions, and establishing in the legislative branch the National Commission to Protect United States Democratic Institutions.

The City supports proposals that enable cities to maximize their ability to efficiently and effectively administer local elections, including legislation to allow municipal elections officials to mail out official election-related materials. For these reasons, the City supports the For the People Act.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein  
The Honorable Senator Alex Padilla  
The Honorable Congressmember Alan Lowenthal, 47th District  
The Honorable Congressmember Nanette Barragan, 44th District