



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 25, 2015

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

**Re: Support for Assembly Bill 288 (Holden) – the College and Career Access Pathways Act**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 288 (Holden). The development of College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships offers a broader range of students the opportunity to acquire core academic and career skills necessary to be successful in adult life.

Existing law places accessibility and availability restrictions on concurrent enrollment partnerships between local school districts and California community colleges. This legislation sensibly reforms concurrent enrollment partnerships policy with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to community college to help students achieve their educational and career goals.

Long Beach is a leader in career pathways. Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), Long Beach City College (LBCC), California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and the City of Long Beach have established a unique partnership to help our local students earn college degrees and certificates in preparation for rewarding lives and careers. Since our partnership began in 2008, LBUSD student graduation rates are increasing, remedial courses for English and Math are decreasing, and CSU Long Beach enrollment rates are rising. CCAP partnerships is one tool to support and prepare young adults for successful careers and productive lives.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 288, which has received unanimous votes in the Legislature, and respectfully requests your signature on AB 288 (Holden).

Thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District

