



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 21, 2016

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

Re: Support for ABx2-7 (Stone) – Smoking in the workplace

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support ABx2-7 (Stone). This bill would remove many of the exemptions in State law that allow tobacco smoking in certain workplaces. Long Beach is supportive of efforts to protect the health and safety of its community.

California became the first State in the country to ban smoking in nearly every workplace, effectively banning smoking in indoor public spaces. However, exemptions in current law that cover all "enclosed" places of employment, allows for smoking in certain indoor work environments. ABx2-7 would establish a statewide ban on smoking in hotel lobbies, hotel meeting and banquet rooms, warehouses, employee break rooms, gaming clubs, and bars and taverns. This bill also would prohibit smoking in public areas of owner-operated businesses and lowers the percentage of allowable available smoking rooms in hotels from 65 percent to 20 percent.

It is well known that secondhand smoke is an air contaminant and there is no safe amount of exposure to the chemicals emitted. ABx2-7 protects the health and safety of California's workforce and consumers from the effects of secondhand smoke.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to support ABx2-7. We respectfully request your signature on ABx2-7 (Stone).

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63rd District
The Honorable Mark Stone, State Assembly, 29th District
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District