



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

The Honorable Ben Allen
Chair, Senate Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 2083
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 422 (Arambula) California State University Authority: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree

Dear Senator Allen:

As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I am writing to inform you of my support for AB 422 (Arambula), which authorizes the California State University (CSU) to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree.

In 2010, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed AB 867 (Nava/Arambula) into law, giving the CSU authority to offer DNP degree programs on a pilot basis. The authority to enroll new students expires on July 1, 2018. The CSU needs this authority to maintain key industry partnerships, graduate highly qualified healthcare professionals into the workforce, and grow their own nursing faculty.

Our city's health department and local hospitals have been enriched by their partnership with CSU Long Beach's Nursing undergraduate and master's programs and now its DNP program. Their graduates are key members of our nursing workforce who provide quality and innovative nursing care to families across Long Beach. I fully support the overall CSU DNP program and Long Beach State, in particular, for their efforts to promote excellence in nursing education. The program provides an avenue for advanced practice nurses to be educated and function at the highest level of applied nursing practice. The graduates contribute greatly to the vital needs of our healthcare providers and offer great career opportunities for our residents. The DNP grads also are employed in nursing leadership roles tasked with the responsibility to assure that standards for nursing practice are maintained in the work place and to act as change agents exploring and evaluating best patient care practices.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you support AB 422 (Arambula). Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: Assembly Member Joaquin Arambula
Members, Senate Education Committee
bcc: Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, Director, State Relations, Advocacy and State Relations, CSU