



## MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 13, 2018

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

**RE: Support for AB 427 (Muratsuchi): California's Aerospace Commission**

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 427 (Muratsuchi). AB 427 proposes to establish a 17 member California Aerospace and Aviation Commission, which could have a positive impact on Long Beach's aerospace business community.

As you may be aware, the City of Long Beach has enjoyed a long history of successful aviation and aerospace entrepreneurship. Presently, the City is host to some of the nation's premier private commercial companies such as Gulfstream and Virgin Orbit. Gulfstream alone supports more than 850 jobs in Long Beach. Virgin Orbit, another Long Beach based aerospace company, has broken new ground in the industry by launching small satellites into orbit, touting it as "the small satellite revolution."

As the aerospace industry evolves, the City expects a Commission such as the one proposed by AB 427 will play an important role by making recommendations on legislative and administrative actions that may be necessary to maintain or improve the industry in California. As the industry in Long Beach has significant institutional knowledge that can benefit the Commission, we support AB 427 and urge the Commission to be inclusive of our region's industry partners.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 427 (Muratsuchi).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</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