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September 18, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 2930 (Santiago): Unlawful Detainer: Nuisance: Unlawful Weapons and Ammunition

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 2930 (Santiago). This bill would extend the City's authority to file an action for an unlawful detainer, or eviction, to abate nuisance caused by illegal conduct involving unlawful weapons or ammunition in Long Beach homes from January 1, 2019 until January 1, 2024.

The City of Long Beach strives to ensure a safe living environment for all residents by supporting legislation related to public safety, particularly violence prevention. AB 2930 gives the City the ability to pursue evictions of persons who are unlawfully harboring weapons and ammunitions in their homes. The City first issues a written notice of intent to file an action to the tenant(s) living in the home where the unlawful activity is occurring. These warning letters are usually sufficient to help abate the potential threat of violence caused by illegal weapons and ammunition.

The current law has been helpful to Long Beach. From January 2016 to the end of 2017, Long Beach issued a total of 12 eviction warning letters that proved to be effective as none of these cases progressed to the next step of filing an action for unlawful detainer. However, the ability to file per State code proves to be a valuable option in the event the warning letters are not enough to persuade a person to rectify their unlawful conduct. AB 2930 will help the City to retain this option for another five years.

Given these reasons, I ask you to sign AB 2930 (Santiago) into law.

Sincerely,



Patrick H. West
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cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District