



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

October 3, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 593 (Carrillo) Unemployment Insurance: Use of Information: Public Workforce Development Programs

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 593 (AB 593) (Carrillo). This legislation is designed to help improve workforce programming and services from Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) across the State of California by permitting chief elected officials of local workforce investment areas to access information obtained in the Unemployment Insurance Code (UIC).

Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA), federal funding to LWDBs come with extremely stringent reporting requirements on job-training programs, which has had the benefit of yielding extensive wage information. This is available and stored in the State of California's Employment Development Department's (EDD) CalJOBS online database, and largely unavailable to LWDBs due to limitations in the UIC.

Currently, the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (PGWIN), located within the City of Long Beach, has provided workforce services to over 8,500 individuals since January 2019. Without access to UIC data, PGWIN is only able to report outcomes for 1,471 individuals. Access to UIC data is essential for PGWIN to support the local workforce. By clarifying and expanding access to include LWDBs and public agencies serving as a federally recognized LWDB, as AB 593 proposes, California can better analyze the investments we have made in workforce development over the years. AB 593 would enable LWDBs to provide critical skills and services to our State's workforce.

Given these reasons, the City supports AB 593 (Carrillo) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District