



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 29, 2019

The Honorable David Chiu  
California State Assembly  
120 N. Street, Room 4112  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for AB 1113 (Chiu) Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs**

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1113 (Chiu). This legislation proposes to establish a State Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to support immigrants and State agencies that provide immigration services. As a city that prides itself on our diversity, Long Beach supports AB 1113.

The City is committed to fostering trust between City officials, residents and visitors to protect local resources, encourage cooperation between public and City officials and to ensure public safety for all. On March 13, 2018, the Long Beach City Council adopted the 'Long Beach Values Act of 2018' which established procedures for the requesting, collecting, maintaining and disclosing of sensitive information and the enforcement of federal immigration law. The Long Beach Values Act expands the City's support for California Senate Bill 54, more commonly known as the 'California Values Act', and is implemented through City Manager Administrative Regulation (AR 8-33). This Regulation is applicable to all City departments and offices responsible directly to the City Manager. It is also requested that elected offices, independent offices and departments of the City comply with these procedures in the interest of administrative uniformity.

In April 2019, the City announced receipt of a \$100,000 Safety and Fairness for Everyone Cities Catalyst Grant from the Vera Institute of Justice and the selection of Immigrant Defenders Law Center as the legal service provider in recognition of the City's FY19 allocation of \$250,000 to initiate the Long Beach Justice Fund (Fund). Approved by City Council on December 4, 2018, this Fund will support legal representation for immigrants who live or work in Long Beach and are facing deportation. While the City's commitment through AR 8-33 and the Fund are important to supporting local immigrants, it is vital that the State participate in assisting immigrants. The establishment of an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs to coordinate State immigration services, as AB 1113 (Chiu) proposes, will provide a framework for more effective organization of services to support the City's immigrant community.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1113 (Chiu).

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 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