



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Blanca Rubio
California State Capitol
Capitol Office, Room 5175
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1118 (Rubio): Land use: general plan: livability issues for older adults

Dear Assemblymember Rubio:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support Assembly Bill 1118 (Rubio). This bill seeks to direct the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to address livability issues for older adults by including elements of livability, developed by the World Health Organization and specifically addressing livability issues for older adults, into the State's General Plan Guidelines.

The City has a strong history of committing to planning and caring for older adults. In June 2005, the City engaged the community and developed a comprehensive strategic plan for older adults. In 2015, the Long Beach City Council directed staff to update the plan. Building upon this work, a 2018 City report identifies five core needs surrounding supports for healthy aging:

1. Create more affordable senior-appropriate housing;
2. Enhanced transportation options for all seniors;
3. Encourage Wraparound health services to address complex health and mental health issues;
4. Proactively address safety concerns in active daily living; and,
5. Leverage intergenerational programs and volunteerism to improve seniors' quality of life.

We must continue to leverage technologies, economies and opportunities for older adults. AB 1118 encourages this by formally including planning for older adults in the State's General Plan Guidelines.

For these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1118 (Rubio).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a white background.

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