



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 20, 2022

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5610
Sacramento, CA 94249-0066

RE: Support for AB 2703 (Muratsuchi)—Zero-emission fueling station reliability standards

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 2703, which requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to provide financial assistance for electric vehicle (EV) fueling and other micro-mobility transportation options to low-income and historically underserved community members.

Californians deserve equal access to a zero-emission (ZE) transportation system. Low-income and disadvantaged communities have limited access to clean transportation and are known to be EV charging deserts due to lack of infrastructure. As the State's EV charging infrastructure is being built out, access to charging may become a barrier for these communities, particularly for residents of multi-unit dwellings, who may not have the option to affordably charge at home. Charging stations must be convenient, reliable, easy to operate, and available in all cities and neighborhoods. AB 2703 aims to address these inequities by providing resources that will expand access to EV and micro-mobility.

The City supports legislation and funding that encourages the equitable use of EVs and micro-mobility transportation options. In line with the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, Long Beach is in the process of developing an EV infrastructure blueprint to transition the City's fleet to ZE.

For these reasons, the City supports AB 2703.

Sincerely,

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