



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 1, 2022

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 7530  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for SB 1226 (Durazo)—Joint powers agreement: zero-emission transportation systems or facilities**

Dear Senator Durazo,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SB 1226. This bill will aid the State in reaching its zero-emission goals through the use of a joint powers authority (JPA) to create zero-emission transportation systems. JPAs can help contribute to the construction of vital sustainable transportation infrastructure. On May 24, 2022, the Long Beach City Council voted to support this legislation.

The City's proposed Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) aims to create a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable City by addressing climate change in a way that remedies existing environmental health disparities while also improving health, quality of life, and enhancing economic vitality throughout Long Beach. With 44% of the emissions that impact Long Beach coming from the transportation sector, the CAAP calls for this sector to take several actions in order to equitably advance clean air and improved health. These actions include developing an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Master Plan and increasing employment and residential development along primary transit corridors.

The City supports legislation that will help to advance the goals outlined in the CAAP. Through JPAs between public and private non-profit partners, SB 1226 will help communities across California build out sustainable transportation systems to benefit residents' health and connection to jobs and education opportunities.

Given these reasons, the City supports SB 1226.

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, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District