



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 20, 2022

The Honorable Thomas J. Umberg
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6730
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 986 (Umberg and Portantino)—Vehicles: Catalytic Converters

Dear Senators Umberg and Portantino,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SB 986. This bill will help address the statewide challenges surrounding catalytic converter theft by requiring the tracking of catalytic converter purchases and by prohibiting the sale of a new motor vehicle with a catalytic converter, unless that equipment has been engraved or etched with the vehicle identification number.

Catalytic converter theft has plagued communities across California, with some areas in Los Angeles County experiencing an increase as high as 400 percent. We have also seen a significant surge in catalytic converter theft in Long Beach. In 2021, catalytic converter thefts increased by 50 percent compared to 2020 and by more than 300 percent compared to 2019.

The City supports legislation to regulate metal recyclers of second-hand precious metal transfers and transactions. SB 986 would advance the City's efforts to prevent catalytic converter theft and the sale of stolen goods.

Given these reasons, the City supports SB 986.

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 Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd 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