



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 1, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 107 (Wiener) – Gender-Affirming Healthcare

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I urge your signature on Senate Bill 107. This legislation will provide refuge to transgender youth and their families who are relocating to California from a state that does not sanction gender-affirming healthcare.

SB 107 aligns with the City's objectives to support policies and legislation for transgender inclusivity. The City has a strong history of advancing diversity and inclusiveness. For ten years in a row, Long Beach has received a perfect score from the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index and has been named one of the best cities in the nation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) inclusion in municipal law and policy.

The City strongly supports respecting the rights of all individuals and providing safe refuge for youth seeking gender-affirming healthcare in California. Protecting the physical and mental well-being of our nation's youth, as proposed by SB 107, is of the utmost importance.

Given these reasons, the City requests your signature on SB 107.

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, 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