



# MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

April 5, 2023

The Honorable Wendy Carrillo  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 8140  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: Support for AB 1738 (Carrillo)—Mobile Homeless Connect Pilot Program**

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 1738. This bill would establish the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Mobile Homeless Connect Pilot Program in specified areas, including Los Angeles County, to assist people experiencing homelessness with obtaining a driver's license or other identification card. AB 1738 aligns with the City's objectives to support legislation and funding that reduces homelessness.

The City's 2022 count found that approximately 3,300 people are experiencing homelessness in Long Beach at any given point in time. Many people experiencing homelessness lack the necessary forms of personal identification needed to establish their eligibility for various public assistance and social programs and to access workforce and housing opportunities. AB 1738 will assist people experiencing homelessness with obtaining state-issued documentation from the DMV so they can access a range of services, including permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and rental subsidy programs. Furthermore, AB 1738 will bring state and local services directly to individuals experiencing homelessness where they are, instead of requiring people to travel to a patchwork of government offices where services are usually available.

Assisting people experiencing homelessness with obtaining identification cards will enable homeless service providers and local governments to move people into permanent housing more expeditiously. For these reasons, the City supports AB 1738.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Rex Richardson  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Josh Lowenthal, State Assembly, 69<sup>th</sup> District