



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

April 22, 2024

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7340
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1092 (Blakespear)—Coastal resources: multifamily housing development: coastal development permits: appeals: report

Dear Senator Blakespear,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I support SB 1092, which would require a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2028, on the percentage of coastal development permits for multifamily housing developments that are appealed, approved, and denied.

The current coastal development permit process has created challenges for coastal communities trying to meet their housing production obligations. Coastal development permit applications filed directly with the California Coastal Commission (Commission) are subject to deadlines established in the Permit Streamlining Act. However, no deadlines currently apply to the Commission's review of appeals that it decides to hear. This can lead to unexpected and costly delays, which has stalled many housing projects and discouraged housing developers from building in the coastal zone altogether.

According to the City's [Housing Element General Plan](#), permits, processing, and procedures are a housing constraint that has hindered the City's ability to increase housing production. The lack of standards and deadlines for the Commission's appeal process has a direct impact on the City's ability to meet our housing production obligations. While the City looks forward to reviewing the report, additional state support is needed to reform the coastal development permit appeal process for housing development projects. The City is supportive of addressing systemic delays in the coastal development permit process and looks forward to working with the Legislature on proposals that ensure timely review of housing development in the coastal zone (similar to an earlier version of SB 1092).

For these reasons, the City supports SB 1092.

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, 33rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65th District
The Honorable Josh Lowenthal, State Assembly, 69th District