



# MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

September 13, 2023

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

**RE: Support for AB 1057 (Weber)—California Home Visiting Program**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I urge your signature on AB 1057. This bill would allocate funding to participating local health departments to administer the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP), which aims to support pregnant people and parents with young children who live in communities that face greater risks and barriers to achieving positive maternal and child health outcomes. AB 1057 aligns with the City's objectives to support legislation and funding that promotes safe motherhood by improving capacity to address maternal mortality and morbidity with an end goal of improving overall maternal health and reducing infant mortality.

According to the [Community Health Assessment](#), maternal and infant mortality rates show clear inequities by race, which is exacerbated by historic under-investment in family support and quality health care programs. AB 1057 provides resources to boost the reach and impact of CHVP by deploying public health professionals to reach pregnant people and new parents in underserved communities with information, resources, and support.

AB 1057 aligns with the City's efforts to address social determinants of health, improve maternal and infant health and development, and cultivate strong and healthy communities. For these reasons, the City requests your signature on AB 1057.

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