

Date: July 28, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **Letter of Support for Key State Immigration Legislation**

The City of Long Beach (City) regularly takes positions on State and Federal legislation following the guidance of the Council-approved legislative agenda. Legislative position letters sent on behalf of the City can be located on the City's [State Legislative Outreach](#) and [Federal Legislative Outreach](#) webpages.

In response to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement actions in Southern California, Latino Caucus Chair Lena Gonzalez and AAPI Caucus Chair Mike Fong wrote a letter to Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas asking for several bills to be “fast tracked for rapid approval.” Attached, you will find the City’s letter of support for eight different Assembly and Senate bills that help protect the constitutional rights of every individual and ensure the safety and accessibility of our public spaces. For these specific letters, the Mayor invited Vice Mayor Uranga and Councilmember Zendejas to join him in signing on behalf of the City.

The City will continue to actively support and evaluate legislation at the local, state, and federal levels, while pursuing legal advocacy and strategic partnerships that uplift and empower immigrant communities. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Patterson, Manager of Strategic Partnerships and Government Affairs at sarah.patterson@longbeach.gov.

ATTACHMENT

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MAYOR REX RICHARDSON
CITY OF LONG BEACH

July 23, 2025

The Honorable Robert Rivas
Speaker, California Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8330
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mike McGuire
President Pro Tempore, California Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
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RE: Support for Key Immigration Legislation

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire and Speaker Rivas,

The City of Long Beach (City) is proud to support its diverse and vibrant immigrant communities. Long Beach would not be the city it is today without the generations of immigrants who have built our economy, enriched our culture, and strengthened our collective spirit. The destructive and illegal actions by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents across Southern California in recent months has caused untold harm within countless families and neighborhoods. These actions do not make us safer, and do not reflect the values of this City. To protect the constitutional rights of every individual and ensure the safety and accessibility of public spaces, the City strongly supports following legislation.

- **AB 49 (Muratsuchi) and SB 48 (Gonzalez)—Safe Access to Schools**
 - Would prohibit school officials and employees from allowing immigration enforcement agents to enter a school site without a valid judicial court warrant
- **SB 81 (Arreguin)—Immigration Enforcement in Health Care Spaces**
 - Would prevent healthcare providers from allowing immigration enforcement to enter a nonpublic area without a valid judicial court warrant, and would classify immigration status as private medical information
- **SB 98 (Perez)—Notification of Immigration Activity in Schools**
 - Would require educational settings to notify students, staff, and other campus community members when immigration enforcement agents are on campus
- **SB 805 (Perez)—No Vigilantes Act**
 - Would expand police impersonation laws, and prohibits any bounty hunters from engaging in any immigration enforcement
- **AB 695 (Fong)—Community College Access and Continuity for Deported Students**
 - Would exempt a deported student from paying non-resident tuition at a California community college for the duration of the student's enrollment at the college after the student enrolls in an online education program

- **SB 635 (Durazo)—Street Vendor Business Protection Act**
 - Would prohibit local sidewalk vending permitting procedures from requiring fingerprints or inquiring into immigration/citizenship status or criminal history and prevent local sidewalk vending enforcement officers from using their resources to share sensitive vendor information voluntarily
- **AB 1261 (Bonta)—Legal Representation for Minors**
 - Would establish the right to legal representation for unaccompanied children in immigration court proceedings

The City will continue to actively support and evaluate legislation at the local, state, and federal levels, while pursuing legal advocacy and strategic partnerships that uplift and empower immigrant communities. The City acknowledges the fear created by unidentified and masked agents in Long Beach and affirms that building community trust and honoring the dignity of every individual is essential to effective public safety efforts. Legislation to address this issue must be enforceable and effective in producing the transparency and respect every resident deserves.

The City remains deeply committed to protecting families, advancing dignity, and honoring the invaluable contributions of every resident—regardless of where they were born or what language they speak. Thank you for your leadership and bold action to support residents in Long Beach, and across the state of California.

Sincerely,



Rex Richardson
Mayor of Long Beach



Vice-Mayor Roberto Uranga, Seventh District



Council Woman Mary Zendejas, First District

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