



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 20, 2016

The Honorable Mike Gatto  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5136  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**Re: Opposition to AB 2788 (Gatto) Wireless telecommunications facilities**

Dear Assemblymember Gatto:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in opposition to Assembly Bill 2788 (Gatto). This bill would reduce local control over local land use authority, including locally adopted zoning regulations, specifically by permitting specified "small cell" wireless antennas and related equipment without local review.

Long Beach strictly enforces locally adopted zoning regulations related to wireless telecommunication facilities in accordance with State and federal law. The City will lose authority to regulate the aesthetic impacts of wireless telecommunication facilities as the allowed by-right applies to "small cells" wireless installations that require time for important environmental, engineering and aesthetic review. The collocation and siting of wireless telecommunications facilities are matters best addressed by local governments.

AB 2788 imposes challenging timeframes on local governments, making it difficult to involve the community, and address the aesthetic issues that are at the heart of the concerns of the community. This bill would facilitate a dramatic expansion of wireless telecommunication facilities, which would result in a negative impact to Long Beach's skyline and building aesthetics, and these are inconsistent with the City's General Plan policies for attractive and well-designed development. The City must retain our existing authority to regulate local land uses, infrastructure aesthetics and implement the City Council's adopted General Plan.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach opposes AB 2788.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District  
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35th District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District