



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 11, 2015

The Honorable Luis A. Alejo
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 300 (Alejo) – Safe Water and Wildlife Protection Act of 2015

Dear Assembly Member Alejo:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support Assembly Bill 300 (Alejo). This bill creates the Algal Bloom Task Force in efforts to mitigate or prevent harmful algal blooms in California's waters by assessing the impacts on ecosystem health and water quality.

Under existing law the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is responsible for maintaining standards to protect water quality and beneficial uses, and regulates factors contributing to algal bloom development. AB 300 provides additional support for these efforts by requiring interagency coordination in assessing and prioritizing the actions and research necessary to develop measures that prevent or sustainably mitigate toxic algal blooms in the waters of the State.

The City of Long Beach has remained proactive in improving recreational water quality through enhanced stormwater management techniques, as well as pollutant source control. We are committed to supporting initiatives that protect water quality.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to support AB 300.

Sincerely,



Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: 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 Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District