



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 806 (Dodd) – Community Development: Economic Opportunity

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to urge your signature on Assembly Bill 806 (Dodd). This bill would allow cities to acquire, sell, or lease city-owned real property to promote economic development. Long Beach supports efforts to develop and promote policies that help cities foster greater economic opportunity.

In 2013, the Legislature adopted SB 470, which was sponsored by the City of Long Beach to promote economic development on a local level, give local governments tools at no cost to the State, allow local governments to use funds in a manner that promotes economic opportunity, and provide cities and counties with certain powers previously afforded to redevelopment agencies that were critical to economic development. SB 470 declared that it is the policy of the State of California to protect and promote the sound development of economic opportunity in cities and counties. AB 806 takes this existing state law a step further by enabling cities and counties to create economic opportunities through the acquisition, sale or lease of properties and to boost rehabilitation of commercial buildings by offering loans to owners or tenants.

With the passage of AB 806, counties and cities would be able to enter into agreements that can help create job opportunities and promote affordable housing projects. This bill will offer communities additional tools that can be used to rehabilitate deteriorated areas, attract and retain jobs, and improve local quality of life.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 806 and urges your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

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