



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 22, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: Support for AB 422 (Arambula) – California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree**

Dear Governor Brown:

As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 422 (Arambula), which authorizes the California State University (CSU) to award the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. In 2010, the Governor signed AB 867 (Nava/Arambula) into law, giving the CSU authority to offer DNP degree programs on a pilot basis until July 1, 2018. The CSU needs the authority to continue enrolling students beyond July 1, 2018 to maintain key industry partnerships, to graduate highly qualified healthcare professionals into the workforce, and to grow their own nursing faculty.

Local hospitals in Long Beach have been enriched by partnerships with CSU Long Beach's Nursing undergraduate and master's programs, and now its DNP program. CSU Long Beach graduates are key members of our nursing workforce and provide quality and innovative nursing care to families across Long Beach.

I fully support the overall CSU DNP program at the California State University, Long Beach. The program provides an avenue for advanced nurses to practice at the highest level of applied nursing.

Given these reasons, I ask that you sign AB 422 into law.

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 Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District