



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 25, 2017

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

RE: Support for AB 485 (O'Donnell) – Dogs and Cats: Adoption and Retail Sales

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support Assembly Bill 485 (O'Donnell). This legislation extends a successful local ordinance statewide and would further promote the adoption of animals from shelters and rescue groups statewide.

By proposing to prohibit pet store owners from selling a live dog, cat, or rabbit in a pet store unless the animal is obtained from a public animal control agency, non-profit shelter, or rescue group, statewide AB 485 prioritizes and encourages animal adoption.

Long Beach proudly invests significant effort into placing animals in loving, humane environments, and promoting responsible pet ownership to reduce animal overpopulation. Since the adoption of our local ordinance, Long Beach has begun working with many local pet stores and local rescue groups to adopt out animals in need. It is with great pride that Long Beach celebrates the human-animal bond.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach requests your signature on AB 485 (O'Donnell).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

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