



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2018

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

RE: Support for Assembly Bill 2363 (Friedman): Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 2363 (Friedman). This bill proposes to establish the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force. Long Beach has a strong history of working on legislative issues related to the establishment of a safe transportation environment for all drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists in our City.

In 2011, the City noticed increasing speed limits with every 5-year evaluation of speed zones per the California Department of Transportation's California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Long Beach supported State legislation to amend the MUTCD to allow municipal Traffic Engineers the discretion to establish speed limits by rounding down within 5 miles per hour of the nearest 85th percentile speed of traffic, as opposed to continuously being required to round up. While the ability for municipal Traffic Engineers to round down to the 85th percentile speed was adopted, it did not negate years of traffic speed limit increases that resulted from being required to round up.

AB 2363 recognizes that rounding down within 5 miles per hour the 85th percentile speed of traffic may not be enough to create a safe environment for all modes of traffic. The Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force would benefit traffic flow by reporting about the effects of the 85th percentile and improvements to pedestrian safety. As California seeks to support more sustainable and alternative modes of transportation, it is essential traffic collision data be improved upon for the safety of residents. AB 2363 would enable this effort.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 2363 (Friedman) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a white background.

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
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
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District