



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

October 3, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1118 (Rubio): Land Use: General Plan: Livability Issues for Older Adults

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support Assembly Bill 1118 (AB 1118) (Rubio). This bill proposes to direct the Secretary of California Health and Human Services (Secretary) to consider applying to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities (Network) on behalf of California.

The City has a strong history of committing to planning and caring for older adults. In June 2005, the City developed a comprehensive strategic plan for older adults. In 2015, the Long Beach City Council directed staff to update the plan. Building upon this work, in 2018, the City became a member of the Network and updated the plan by identifying the following five core needs surrounding supports for healthy aging:

1. Create more affordable senior-appropriate housing;
2. Enhanced transportation options for all seniors;
3. Encourage wraparound health services to address complex health and mental health issues;
4. Proactively address safety concerns in active daily living; and,
5. Leverage intergenerational programs and volunteerism to improve seniors' quality of life.

California must exemplify the lead of the 39 statewide communities that have already joined the Network to adequately prepare for the rapidly aging U.S. population. AB 1118 ensures this by directing the Secretary to join the Network on behalf of California to set a new nation expectation for states.

Given these reasons, the City supports AB 1118 (Rubio) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
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