



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 8, 2020

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

**RE: Support for AB 1506 (McCarty): Police Use of Force**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support Assembly Bill 1506 (McCarty). This bill proposes to establish a division within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to review local law enforcement agency's use of force policies and incidents of use of force. The Division aligns with the City's efforts to evaluate systems instigating racial injustice.

In response to the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, 2020, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to adopt a "Framework for Reconciliation," to engage in a public listening process, internal policy review, and local action plan to address racial injustice in Long Beach. An integral part of the Framework is considering ways to reform the Long Beach Police Department's (LBPD) use of force policy. The LBPD, a national leader in advancing diversity and equity, has already adopted innovative training methods to build trust and promote community engagement. To reduce use of force, the LBPD emphasizes de-escalation techniques. Where use of force is necessary to control any given situation, it must be reasonable. An independent resource to evaluate use of force, as AB 1506 proposes to establish, would be useful in furthering the intent of the City's Framework statewide.

The City supports legislative efforts to pursue multi-sector collaborative approaches to violence prevention and public safety. AB 1506 proposes a valuable resource for local law enforcement agencies to collaborate with the DOJ to improve public safety statewide.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1506 (McCarty) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black 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 Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<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

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