



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 29, 2019

The Honorable Mark Stone
California State Assembly
1020 N. Street, Room 2163
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 552 (Stone) Coastal Resources: Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program

Dear Assemblymember Stone:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 552 (Stone). Establishing a Coastal Adaptation, Access, and Resilience Program and Fund, as AB 552 proposes, would allow the State to implement actions that address and adapt to sea level rise and coastal climate change.

Long Beach contains more than seven miles of coastline and has several neighborhoods in imminent danger of sea level rise. The City is in the process of developing its own Climate Action and Adaption Plan (CAAP), which when complete, will provide a framework for establishing policies, programs, practices, and incentives for Long Beach residents and businesses to reduce our collective greenhouse gas footprint, and ensure the community and physical assets are better protected from the impacts of climate change. A Coastal Adaption, Access, and Resilience Program and Fund as proposed through AB 552 would dovetail with our existing climate change planning efforts and provide the City with much-needed resources to tackle coastal climate change.

Long Beach supports policies and legislation that set limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the intent of curbing global warming, as well as funding, recognition, and support of local government action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The City intends to work with the California Coastal Commission to implement actions designed to reasonably address sea level rise and coastal climate change. AB 552 (Stone) proposes a mechanism to accomplish this goal and is essential to preserving the California coastline.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 552 (Stone).

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 Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District