



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

July 17, 2015

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

Re: Support for SB 562 (Lara) Long Beach Civic Center Project

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I respectfully request your signature on SB 562 (Lara). This bill is specific to the Long Beach Civic Center Project, which is being built under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) and in partnership with Plenary-Edgemore. The project is necessary, as the existing City Hall and Main Library have been found to be seismically deficient. Long Beach appreciates that SB 562 will provide greater project stability for our groundbreaking public-private development.

Building upon the modernization that is happening in downtown Long Beach, the City of Long Beach has embarked on a path towards a new Long Beach Civic Center. The public portions of the project include a new seismically safe Long Beach City Hall, Port of Long Beach Headquarters and Main Library. The private portions of the project include transit-oriented mixed-used developments, high-rise condominiums and retail. All new developments will be built on 15.87 acres of land in downtown Long Beach, and in accordance with the City's award winning Downtown Plan (Plan). Developments that meet Plan requirements are able to utilize an expedited Program Environmental Review (PEIR) process, which reduces the cost and time associated with entitlement, and ultimately project delivery.

As exciting as it is to be revitalizing the City's urban core, it is even more exciting to be doing so under a public-private partnership model. Public-private partnership project delivery models are relatively new. Therefore, these innovative projects benefit from special, clarifying legislation. SB 562 merges existing State law applicable to lease-leaseback public-private partnerships, and State law applicable to Design-Bid-Finance-Operate-Maintain public-private partnerships. As was the case with the State's Long Beach Courthouse, the City of Long Beach is requesting clarifying legislation that would apply to the Long Beach Civic Center Project.

SB 562 (Lara) Long Beach Civic Center

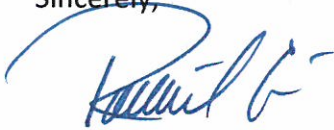
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Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach has been a proud sponsor of SB 562. The bill has received unanimous votes in the Legislature. We respectfully request your signature on SB 562 (Lara).

Thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District