



## MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA

### CITY OF LONG BEACH

August 22, 2017

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 127  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Assembly Bill 1111 (E. Garcia) – Removing Barriers to Employment Act: Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative**

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support Assembly Bill 1111 (E. Garcia). This bill establishes the Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative, which includes a grant program to support remedial education and work readiness skills development for individuals facing multiple employment barriers. As a member of the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (Pacific Gateway), Long Beach has a demonstrated history of workforce development. This legislation will help extend the reach of the existing programs that are available to our community.

Pacific Gateway already provides quality workforce development services in Long Beach, Signal Hill, and Los Angeles Harbor communities by offering local job search, skills development, and training to adults and youth through the Career Center and the Youth Opportunity Center. Those who utilize the Career Center receive individualized services to meet specific needs and career goals.

Through resources that would be authorized by AB 1111, the City anticipates new opportunities to partner with the State to further assist individuals who face barriers to employment. This bill will also help the City support partnerships between community-based organizations and workforce development boards.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1111 (E. Garcia).

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<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