



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

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The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
Chair, Assembly Education Committee
Room 4166
Sacramento, CA 94249-0070

RE: Support for AB 1533 (O'Donnell)

Dear Chairman O'Donnell:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to write this letter of support for AB 1533 (O'Donnell). Among other things, this bill eliminates the June 30, 2017, sunset date for the Long Beach College Promise Partnership Act. This critical piece of legislation was adopted in 2011 and provides concurrent enrollment and priority registration guarantees to local Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) high school students and transfers, respectively.

In order to continue to provide an extensive array of programs and services through the Long Beach College Promise, and as a mechanism for promoting student success, LBUSD and Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) request long-term support for affording incoming LBCCD students with priority registration.

The Long Beach College Promise has achieved multiple goals and benchmarks across the educational institutions in Long Beach. The following are examples of success under the Long Beach College Promise partnership:

- The successful completion of college-level English increased for participating students at a greater rate.
- The successful completion of college-level Math in the first year among participating students was greater than for their peers.
- Among participating students, there has been a two- to four-fold increase in the successful completion of 25 transferable units in their first year.

I am confident that AB 1533 will further advance these goals through the Long Beach College Promise. If you have any questions about my support, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach