



## MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

July 13, 2017

The Honorable Joaquin Arambula  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5155  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: Support for AB 422 (Arambula) – California State University: Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree**

Dear Assemblymember Arambula:

As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I write to convey my support for AB 422 (Arambula). This bill would extend an existing authorization enabling the California State University (CSU) system to award Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degrees.

In 2010, AB 867 (Nava/Arambula) was passed into law, giving the CSU authority to offer DNP degree programs on a pilot basis until July 1, 2018. This program has been incredibly successful, graduating highly qualified healthcare professionals into the local workforce, and supporting key industry partnerships between our educational institutions, medical facilities and the City of Long Beach. California State University, Long Beach's DNP graduates are key members of our nursing workforce and provide quality and innovative nursing care to families across Long Beach.

I fully support the overall CSU DNP program at the California State University, Long Beach, and appreciate their efforts to promote excellence in nursing education.

Given these reasons, I am pleased to support AB 422.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Joaquin Arambula, 31<sup>st</sup> District  
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