



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 427 (Muratsuchi): California's Aerospace Commission

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 427 (Muratsuchi). AB 427 proposes to establish a 17-member California Aerospace and Aviation Commission, which could have a positive impact on Long Beach's aerospace business community.

As you may be aware, the City of Long Beach has enjoyed a long history of successful aviation and aerospace entrepreneurship. Presently, the City is home to some of the nation's premier private commercial companies such as Gulfstream and Virgin Orbit. Gulfstream alone supports more than 850 jobs in Long Beach. Virgin Orbit, another Long Beach based aerospace company, has broken new ground in the industry by launching small satellites into orbit, touting it as "the small satellite revolution."

As the aerospace industry evolves, the City expects a Commission such as the one proposed by AB 427 will play an important role by making recommendations on legislative and administrative actions that may be necessary to maintain or improve the industry in California. As the industry in Long Beach has significant institutional knowledge that can benefit the Commission, we support AB 427 and urge the Commission to be inclusive of our region's industry partners.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 427 (Muratsuchi) and requests your signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a white background.

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District