



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 25, 2017

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

RE: Support for SB 2 (Atkins) – Building Homes and Jobs Act

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 2 (Atkins). This bill would establish a permanent funding source for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs. Long Beach shares your interest in supporting affordable housing and recognizes that it is critical to have substantial investment from the State to leverage limited local resources.

Long Beach is a large urban city that is strongly committed to the development and preservation of affordable housing units. Earlier this year, the Long Beach City Council voted and approved 29 strategies to promote and increase affordable housing within the City. These strategies were created after a long process of community input and study reports. Your proposal will generate millions of dollars annually with 50 percent of collected recordation fees going to local governments in its first year and 70 percent all other years, helping to maximize local investments and prioritize local needs.

We are proud to share that the City has not had a single affordable housing project denied in the past two decades. This achievement is a success for all those living in Long Beach. Increased and ongoing funding for affordable housing will help stabilize the State's housing development and construction marketplace.

Given these reasons, I respectfully request your signature on SB 2 (Atkins).

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