



## 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 3 (Beall) – Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018**

Dear Governor Brown:

As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Senate Bill 3 (Beall). This bill authorizes a \$4 billion State general obligation bond to fund affordable housing programs and infill infrastructure projects if approved by a majority of voters in the November 2018 election.

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. Funding for programs that support the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant program, multifamily housing, and others is essential to the development of affordable housing statewide.

Our City is proud to support quality affordable housing developments, especially those that benefit our veterans. Additional resources that may be made available by SB 3 will help leverage existing funds and programs for veterans and low-income residents. Long Beach looks forward to hearing the will of the voters on this crucial funding mechanism for affordable housing statewide.

Given these reasons, I respectfully request your signature on SB 3 (Beall).

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, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District