



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

August 19, 2019

The Honorable Wendy Carrillo  
California State Assembly  
120 N. Street, Room 4167  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1500 (Carrillo) Hazardous Substances

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of Assembly Bill 1500 (Carrillo). This legislation proposes to authorize Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) or local health authorities to suspend operations of a facility following a hazardous material release that poses endangerment to public health and safety. As a City that prioritizes proper handling of hazardous materials by operating its own CUPA, Long Beach supports AB 1500.

Long Beach is the second largest city in Los Angeles County and one of the only cities with its own health department. These characteristics provided the opportunity to establish Long Beach CUPA in 1997 with shared oversight from the Long Beach Fire Department and Department of Health and Human Services. To this day, Long Beach CUPA administers a cohesive and user-friendly system to streamline applications, inspections, and annual fees from six programs. There are approximately 825 hazardous waste generator facilities, in addition to 51 medical facilities that handle silver waste from photo x-ray processing, in Long Beach CUPA.

Long Beach is a coastal city with seven miles of beaches, two rivers, and 171 parks. Long Beach CUPA ensures the proper containment of hazardous materials to mitigate pollution entering waterways and the atmosphere. The ability for Long Beach CUPA to suspend hazardous material facilities in the event of a release, as AB 1500 proposes, will support the City and surrounding region's residents and the environment.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1500 (Carrillo).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District  
The Honorable Tom Umberg, 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