



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 1, 2022

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5250  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for AB 1721 (Rodriguez)—Seismic retrofitting**

Dear Assemblymember Rodriguez,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support AB 1721. This bill would establish a resilience grant program that would greatly benefit the City, including \$400 million annually for a seismic retrofit program for multifamily soft-story buildings.

Preparing for a disaster before it strikes is critical for the safety and wellbeing of our community. The City currently has multifamily soft-story buildings that require a seismic retrofit and would benefit from funds available through the proposed grant program. The City supports efforts to continuously prepare for and respond to community needs in the event of emergencies, as proposed by AB 1721.

This legislation would provide vital resources to retrofit multifamily soft-story buildings. Given these reasons, the City supports AB 1721.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35<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