



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 13, 2022

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5610
Sacramento, CA 94249-0066

RE: Support for AB 2220 (Muratsuchi)—Homeless Courts Pilot Program

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 2220, which would create the Homeless Courts Pilot Program. This competitive-grant pilot program administered by the Judicial Council will not only help jurisdictions create homeless court plans throughout the State but will also aid localities that currently have a homeless court program in place, like Long Beach's Homeless Court Project.

Funded by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, the Long Beach Homeless Court Project assists people experiencing homelessness with outstanding criminal legal needs including the removal of warrants, expungements of past convictions, and dismissal of charges. The program connects participants to important services such as housing, disability, benefits, mental health, and substance abuse counseling. Because the City's Homeless Court Project takes place at the Multi-Service Center, participants also have access to other vital resources including case management and referrals for social service programs.

The City's Homeless Court Project would greatly benefit from funding to provide more options for participants. The proposed legislation will ensure that resources are available to expand or establish these vital programs.

For these reasons, the City supports AB 2220.

Sincerely,

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

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