



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 1, 2022

The Honorable Steven Bradford
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7210
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1281 (Bradford) – Cannabis taxes

Dear Senator Bradford,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SB 1281. This legislation will make changes to California's current cannabis tax by repealing the cultivation tax and reducing the excise tax rate to five percent. These changes will provide space for the legal cannabis market to become more viable and competitive. The Long Beach City Council voted to support this legislation on May 24, 2022.

SB 1281 aligns with the City's objectives to support policies and legislation that deter illegal cannabis activity. The current tax structure overly burdens the legal cannabis industry and contributes to the illegal sale of cannabis to members of our community. The tax reductions proposed by this bill will allow for legal cannabis businesses to continue working in a competitive market.

The City supports efforts to help the legal cannabis industry thrive by lowering the State cultivation tax. For these reasons, the City supports SB 1281.

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