

April 28, 2022

The Honorable Thomas J. Umberg
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6730
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The Honorable Richard Bloom
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8130
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The Honorable Susan Talamantes Eggman
California State Senate
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RE: Support for SB 1338 and AB 2830—CARE Court Framework

Dear Senators Umberg and Eggman, and Assemblymember Bloom:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write in support of the proposed Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court framework to provide individuals with mental health and substance use disorders community-based care and services. On March 15, 2022, the Long Beach City Council voted to support the CARE Court concept and to examine the feasibility of implementing this type of program at the local health jurisdiction level.

The proposal would require counties to provide mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and housing to the most severely impaired and untreated Californians. Individualized community-based care plans could help to provide vital services to those in our community most in need, including the more than 2,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in Long Beach.

As the CARE Court framework is developed with the Legislature, we would like to see opportunities for local health jurisdictions to receive resources to partner with counties on these important efforts. The CARE Court's objectives to meet people where they are, provide needed assistance, and help them on the path to recovery align the City's goals to care for vulnerable community members, and additional resources would be necessary to implement this at the local level.

For these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports the CARE Court framework and looks forward to working with the State and our County of Los Angeles partners on the development of this program.

Sincerely,



THOMAS B. MODICA
City Manager

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

