



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 26, 2022

The Honorable Robert Hertzberg
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8610
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 513 (Hertzberg)—Homeless shelters grants: pets and veterinary services

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SB 513. This legislation will create a grant program for qualified homeless service providers to offer shelter, food, and basic veterinary services for pets owned by people experiencing homelessness.

The City estimates that nearly 20 percent of people experiencing in Long Beach own pets, and these pets are allowed in Long Beach homeless shelters with their owners. SB 513 will provide the funding needed for pets to receive basic veterinary services while their owners access City resources.

Long Beach has a mission to be California's safest large city for both people and animals. The City promotes public safety and the humane treatment of animals. This mission aligns with the goals of the proposed legislation.

For these reasons, the City supports SB 513.

Sincerely,

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