



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

August 26, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1226 (Durazo)—Joint powers agreement: zero-emission transportation systems or facilities

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to request that you sign SB 1226. This bill will aid the State in reaching its zero-emission goals through the use of a joint powers authority (JPA) to create zero-emission transportation systems. JPAs can help contribute to the construction of vital sustainable transportation infrastructure. On May 24, 2022, the Long Beach City Council voted to support this legislation.

The City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) aims to create a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable City by addressing climate change in a way that remedies existing environmental health disparities while also improving health, quality of life, and enhancing economic vitality throughout Long Beach. With 44% of the emissions that impact Long Beach coming from the transportation sector, the CAP calls for this sector to take several actions in order to equitably advance clean air and improved health. These actions include developing an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Master Plan and increasing employment and residential development along primary transit corridors.

The City supports legislation that will help to advance the goals outlined in the CAP. Through JPAs between public and private non-profit partners, SB 1226 will help communities across California build out sustainable transportation systems to benefit residents' health and connection to jobs and education opportunities.

Given these reasons, the City urges your signature on SB 1226.

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