

September 1, 2022

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

RE: Support for SB 1338 (Umberg and Eggman)—CARE Court Framework

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I urge your signature on Senate Bill 1338. This bill will 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. We appreciate that the legislation provides resources for counties to engage in this critical work.

For these reasons, the City of Long Beach urges your signature on SB 1338.

Sincerely,



THOMAS B. MODICA
City Manager

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

