



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

March 30, 2023

The Honorable Akilah Weber
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4130
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: Support for AB 1057 (Weber)—California Home Visiting Program

Dear Assemblymember Weber,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 1057. This bill would allocate funding to participating local health departments to administer the California Home Visiting Program (CHVP), which aims to support pregnant people and parents with young children who live in communities that face greater risks and barriers to achieving positive maternal and child health outcomes. AB 1057 aligns with the City's objectives to support legislation and funding that promotes safe motherhood by improving capacity to address maternal mortality and morbidity with an end goal of improving overall maternal health and reducing infant mortality.

According to the [Community Health Assessment](#), maternal and infant mortality rates show clear inequities by race, which is exacerbated by historic under-investment in family support and quality health care programs. AB 1057 provides resources to boost the reach and impact of CHVP by deploying public health professionals to reach pregnant people and new parents in underserved communities with information, resources, and support.

AB 1057 aligns with the City's efforts to address social determinants of health, improve maternal and infant health and development, and cultivate strong and healthy communities. For these reasons, the City supports AB 1057.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Rex Richardson
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65th District
The Honorable Josh Lowenthal, State Assembly, 69th District