



# MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

April 22, 2024

The Honorable David Alvarez  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5320  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: Support for AB 2560 (Alvarez)—Density Bonus Law: California Coastal Act of 1976**

Dear Assemblymember Alvarez,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Long Beach (City) to express support for AB 2560, which aims to expand coastal housing access in California and ensure application of the state's Density Bonus Law in the California Coastal Zone.

The Density Bonus Law has proven successful in creating more market rate and affordable housing across the state and serves as an important tool to address the severe housing shortage in California. However, the Density Bonus Law contains language that makes it challenging to develop sufficient housing to meet demand on the coast. AB 2560 removes the Coastal Zones exemption from the state's Density Bonus Law and supports our local efforts to implement the [Southeast Area Specific Plan](#) (SEASP).

This City supports policies, legislation, and grants that promote appropriate redevelopment and housing development including in the Coastal Zone through coordination among local and State land-use, housing, and coastal regulators. The SEASP provides a regulatory framework for the southeast corner of the City that includes customized land uses and development standards, provides expanded multimodal transportation choices, and identifies locations for future development potential that maintain and preserve valuable natural resources. AB 2560 would help streamline housing development that is in alignment with the SEASP.

AB 2560 will contribute to protecting coastal resources while also meeting Long Beach's housing needs. For these reasons, the City supports AB 2560.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Rex Richardson  
City of Long Beach

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