



# MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

April 17, 2024

The Honorable Steve Padilla  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6640  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for SB 892 (Padilla)—Public contracts: automated decision systems: AI risk management standards**

Dear Senator Padilla,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support SB 892, which would require the California Department of Technology to develop and adopt regulations to create an artificial intelligence (AI) risk management standard.

The rapid advancement of AI technology presents great opportunities for improving public services and enhancing efficiency in various sectors. The City embraces new and emerging technologies like Generative AI, which can generate helpful content such as emails, research summaries, reports, and images at the request of the user. However, there has been growing public concern about the risks posed by AI systems around AI bias, data privacy, and cybersecurity. Developing proactive safeguards and standards related to AI systems is pivotal to protecting communities against AI risks and holding AI system vendors accountable to using AI for social good.

The City developed a [Generative AI Interim Guidance](#), a resource for City staff that details eight guidelines intended to minimize the risks involved with using Generative AI and maximize the benefits of efficiency these systems offer. Furthermore, the City is a part of the [GovAI Coalition](#), which aims to give government agencies a voice in shaping the future of AI and ensure that AI development is geared toward the benefit of society. SB 892 sets a critical precedent for cities to adopt policies and ordinances related to regulating the use of AI systems.

SB 892 would require the AI risk management standard to be consistent with The Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights: Making Automated Systems Work for the American People, published by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in October 2022; The Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Framework, released by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in January 2023; and The Risk Management Framework for the Procurement of Artificial Intelligence, authored by the AI Procurement Lab and the Center for Inclusive Change in 2024. SB 892 is a crucial step forward in ensuring the responsible and ethical usage of AI technology in the State.

The City is committed to leveraging innovation to improve the quality of life for residents, while also securing their safety and privacy. Furthermore, the City recognizes the importance of embracing emerging technologies responsibly, and SB 892 ensures that responsibility. For these reasons, the City supports SB 892.

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, 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