



# MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

April 23, 2025

The Honorable Lori Wilson  
Chair, Transportation Committee  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0011

**RE: Support for AB 431 (Wilson): Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Act**

Dear Assemblymember Wilson,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), the City strongly supports AB 431 (Wilson), which creates a practical framework for the successful introduction of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) technology into California. AAM is an emerging mode of transportation that will modernize the future of mobility for passengers and cargo.

AAM utilizes electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) technology, allowing for the efficient transport of people, cargo, and medical services. Current designs commonly hold four to six passengers, are fully electric, and are expected to have a range of up to 100 miles. Economic projections suggest that AAM could generate over \$115 billion by 2035, creating over 280,000 jobs nationwide. As one of the fastest growing aerospace manufacturing hubs in the country, Long Beach is home to several leading eVTOL companies who are pioneering this new technology. The City has worked closely with these companies to leverage State investments and prioritize safety at every stage of development. AAM has the potential to improve access to emergency and healthcare services, increase access to goods, and reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.

Currently, there is no set of clear, comprehensive, and concrete steps for the deployment and scaling of AAM in California. Although the FAA has the overarching authority over all airspace in the U.S., the California state government will have a key role in providing guidance to local municipalities, raising public awareness, and integrating necessary infrastructure. AB 431 requires the Department of Transportation to develop a statewide plan to incorporate AAM, designate an expert as a resource for local jurisdictions, lead an education campaign, and provide guidance for uniform local planning and zoning.

Creating a comprehensive and strategic plan for the deployment of AAM will ensure cities and the State are able to prepare and benefit from this California-grown technology. For these reasons, the City supports AB 431.

Sincerely,

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

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