



# MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

June 10, 2025

The Honorable Roger Niello  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Room 7110  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for SB 84 (Niello)—Disability Access: Construction-Related Accessibility Claims: Notice of Violation And Opportunity to Correct**

Dear Senator Niello,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), the City supports SB 84, which will encourage small businesses to fully address construction-related accessibility claims within 120 days of being notified of alleged violations.

SB 84 would prohibit a construction-related accessibility claim for statutory damages from being initiated in a legal proceeding against a defendant who employs 50 or fewer individuals, as specified, unless the defendant has been served with a letter specifying each alleged violation, and the alleged violations have not been corrected within 120 days of service of the letter.

Granting small businesses the “right to cure” allows them to use their limited time and resources to focus on fixing alleged violations, instead of complicated legal proceedings. When small businesses are forced to close to pay legal fees and settlements, everybody loses. Prioritizing compliance in a timely and effective manner balances the City’s goals to expand accessibility and ensure small businesses can thrive.

Unfortunately, many small businesses are targeted by attorneys who prioritize large settlements over ensuring accessibility. If the violations outlined in the letter to the businesses are not addressed appropriately within 120 days, a plaintiff would still have the right to pursue legal action and advocate for their rights as guaranteed under the Americans with Disabilities Act. For these reasons, the City supports SB 84.

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