



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

July 31, 2020

Long Beach City Council  
411 W. Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**RE: Support for Restaurant Annual Fees Relief During COVID-19 (August 4, 2020 Long Beach City Council Agenda Item 25)**

Dear Councilmember Daryl Supernaw:

As I am unable to attend Tuesday's City Council meeting due to family matters, I am writing to express my support for Agenda Item 25, the recommendation to temporarily suspend health, fire, and business licensing renewal fees for restaurants impacted by COVID-19.

Restaurants across our city have experienced a sudden loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pausing annual fees and charges will help dining locations keep their doors open and ensure our economy is able to recover faster when the State of Emergency order is lifted.

Long Beach restaurants are destinations for residents and visitors alike. We know how important restaurants are to the livelihood of so many of our residents. These businesses are also important amenities for neighborhoods and a big part of the culture that makes our city so special.

In prior city council meetings, we have been discussing this type of support for local businesses during the current crisis. This item has my full support, and my thanks to you and the cosponsors for bringing it forward.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach