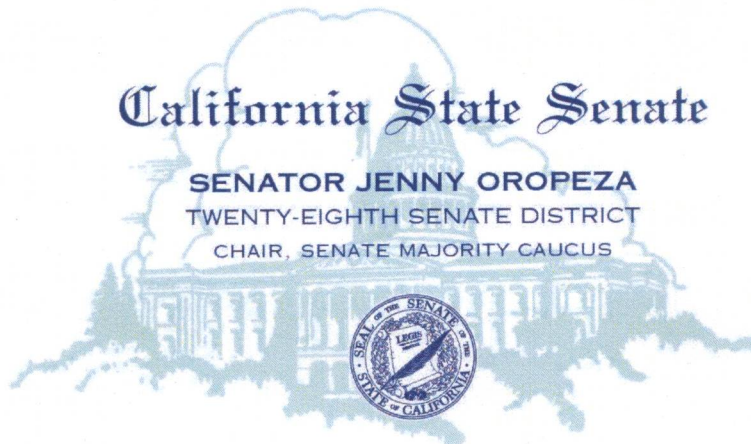


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July 10, 2009

Honorable Robert Garcia  
Civic Center Plaza  
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Councilmember Garcia:

I want to congratulate you on your proposed ordinance requiring contractors doing business with the City of Long Beach to demonstrate they provide benefits for registered domestic partners that are equal to those provided for married spouses.

As you know, I have long been a supporter of full-equality and civil rights for all. I applaud your effort to require the City of Long Beach to be a part of this endeavor to treat everyone with the respect, equality and dignity they deserve in the workplace. As I am sure you are aware, the State of California requires contractors to provide equal benefits. I was very proud to support the legislation in 2003 that enacted this provision.

You have my full support on this issue and I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

JENNY OROPEZA  
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July 13, 2009

Councilmember Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
333 W. Ocean Blvd. 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 95802

Dear Councilmember Garcia:

We are pleased to support your proposed Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO) slated for discussion at the July 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

As long time supporters of equal rights for all Californians, we believe this measure is in keeping with the values of the residents of Long Beach.

The state of California has an EBO in place as do other large cities including Los Angeles, Oakland, Seattle, San Francisco, Portland and Minneapolis.

Your proposed measure is a common sense approach that simply grants the same rights to domestic partners as those already enjoyed by married couples.

If you should have any further questions or comments regarding our support for this measure, please do not hesitate to contact us

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Alan Lowenthal in cursive.

Alan Lowenthal  
Senator, 27<sup>th</sup> District

Handwritten signature of Bonnie Lowenthal in cursive.

Bonnie Lowenthal  
Assemblymember, 54<sup>th</sup> District

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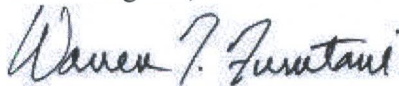
Dear Councilmember Garcia:

I write today in support of the Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO) that will be introduced to the City Council on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

As a long time advocate for civil rights throughout my life, I know the fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community will likely be the fight that this generation takes on. We at the state have an equal benefits clause that has encouraged businesses we do business with to continue in California's tradition of ensuring that all Californians have the same opportunity for health insurance and other benefits.

I strongly encourage the Council to adopt an EBO that will continue Long Beach's innovative approach to good public policy.

Warm Regards,



WARREN T. FURUTANI  
Assemblymember, 55<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Mayor and City Councilmember's