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May 10, 2022

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

SUBJECT: SUPPORT ITEM #19 "Long Beach Boulevard Corridor - Based Neighborhood Safety Initiative"

Dear Honorable Mayor Robert Garcia and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the residents of Assembly District 64, I am proud to offer my support for Vice Mayor Richardson's proposal dedicating more resources to the Long Beach Boulevard Corridor, and offer my endorsement of Long Beach City Council's item No. 19, "Long Beach Boulevard Corridor - Based Neighborhood Safety Initiative"

Issues associated with human trafficking on the Long Beach Boulevard Corridor go back generations, driven by outdated land uses, nonconforming motels and liquor stores.

As part of a long-term effort to improve conditions on the corridor, City Council passed the Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance in 2013 and the Nuisance Motel Ordinance in 2019. The Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinance has contributed to improved visual and aesthetic conditions on the corridor, reaching a 100% compliance rate in North Long Beach as of last city council report.

Due in part to its unfortunate timing, the Nuisance Motel Ordinance, which began implementation in January 2020 after extensive community engagement and leadership from Vice Mayor Richardson, has had less clear impacts. Although an initial report on the program showed a 30% decrease in calls to service during the ordinance's pilot period, the impacts of COVID-19 have caused calls to surge again, with nearly 80% of Long Beach's prostitution calls to service coming from LBPD Beat 23, which encompasses the District 9 neighborhoods of Starr King, College Square, and Hamilton.





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For these reasons, I support the request to allocate more resources toward improvements on Long Beach Boulevard, an update to the City's Nuisance Motel and Alcohol Nuisance Abatement Ordinances, and coordination with existing City programs like My Sister's Keeper, and with the City of Compton and Los Angeles County. Item No. 19 represents a truly comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of the Long Beach Boulevard Corridor. For any questions, please reach out to my office at (310) 324 6408.

Sincerely,

Mike A. Gipson

Assemblymember, 64th District

**Democratic Caucus Chair**