



Date: March 15, 2010

To: State Legislation Committee Members

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager

Subject: **Support of AB 2067: Vehicles: Parking on Narrow, Dead-End Streets**

For your information, attached is a letter addressed to Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal in support of AB 2067. AB 2067 would allow the City to permit vehicles to park on the left-hand side of the roadway on narrow, local residential streets that dead-end with no designated area in which to turn around.

For more information, please contact Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs, at 8-5091.

cc: Mayor and Members of the City Council
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MAYOR BOB FOSTER

CITY OF LONG BEACH

February 23, 2010

The Honorable Bonnie Lowenthal
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5158
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 2067: Vehicles: Parking on Narrow, Dead-End Streets

Dear Assembly Member Lowenthal:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 2067. AB 2067 would allow the City of Long Beach to permit vehicles to park on the left-hand side of the roadway on narrow, local residential streets that dead-end with no designated area in which to turn around.

The "Peninsula" area of Long Beach has a significant number of narrow, parking impacted dead-end streets with little room for vehicle maneuverability. These over-crowded streets with no cul-de-sacs create conditions that expose drivers to inconvenient situations when attempting to enter and exit these streets, and increases the risk that vehicles parked or maneuvering through the street will sustain damage in an accident. A consequence of these conditions has been the practice of residents and visitors illegally parking their vehicles facing the wrong direction on the street. Parking citations are given to vehicles in violation of this code, which has led to frustrated residents who feel the crowded, impacted conditions subject them to greater risk of property damage and more difficulty while navigating their streets.

The proposed amendment will not be a statewide mandate, but will instead allow the City of Long Beach to adopt an ordinance permitting vehicles to park in both directions on streets that satisfy the conditions set forth in the amendment. In addition to the Peninsula, there are several other areas in Long Beach with streets that fall under the scope of the proposed amendment, including certain sections of Naples Island and the Westside industrial area. Neither the Long Beach Police Department nor the City's Traffic Engineer foresees any detrimental effects from initiating this proposed amendment.

Legislation to enact these changes was introduced last year but was ultimately vetoed by the Governor. The City of Long Beach has worked closely with the California Highway Patrol to ensure that the bill will not have any detrimental impact to public safety. Through these efforts,

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important revisions to the bill have addressed some of the concerns that prevented its passage last year. These revisions include applying the bill specifically to the City of Long Beach, paying for an independent study of the parking situation, and listing the specific geographic areas in Long Beach to which the bill applies. This collaborative revision process, and the changes that have resulted from it, have produced a bill that the City of Long Beach believes will solve this parking problem, while satisfying the concerns of all those involved.

For all of these reasons, the City of Long Beach strongly supports AB 2067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Foster", with a stylized, cursive script.

Mayor Bob Foster
City of Long Beach

CC: The Honorable Rod Wright, State Senate, 25th District
 The Honorable Alan Lowenthal, State Senate, 27th District
 The Honorable Jenny Oropeza, State Senate, 28th District
 The Honorable Isadore Hall III, State Assembly, 52nd District
 The Honorable Warren Furutani, State Assembly, 55th District