

August 18 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California, Legislative Unit
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Requesting Signature on SB 922 (Laird)

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Redondo Beach **supports** SB 922, which would provide needed clarity regarding a local agency's ability to recover the cost of maintaining and repairing streets used in the delivery of essential public services.

Cities are responsible for maintaining most local streets and roads. Heavy service vehicles, including garbage, recycling, and green waste collection trucks, regularly travel on local streets and contribute to pavement wear and deterioration. Historically, cities have addressed these impacts through service-related rates, fees, or franchise arrangements tied to the provision of those services. Recently, a court decision has created uncertainty regarding these long-standing practices. As a result, cities are facing increased legal challenges to existing service-related fees, placing street maintenance funding at risk and creating uncertainty for local governments attempting to responsibly manage and maintain their transportation infrastructure.

SB 922 would help address this uncertainty by clarifying that restrictions on local charges apply only to weight-based charges imposed for the privilege of using streets or highways. The bill further makes clear that fees for the provision of public services may recover the cost of street maintenance and repair associated with providing such services. This clarification would help reduce unnecessary litigation and allow cities to continue maintaining safe and reliable local streets.

For these reasons, the City of Redondo Beach respectfully requests your signature on SB 922 into law.

Sincerely,

James A. Light
Mayor, City of Redondo Beach