Mayor Rex Richardson
Long Beach City Council Members
411 W. Ocean Blvd.
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September 18, 2025

RE: Urgent Action Needed to Implement AB 645 Speed Safety Systems in Long Beach

Dear Mayor Richardson and Honorable Council Members,

As a coalition of organizations dedicated to improving street safety in Long Beach, we express our deep concern regarding the delayed implementation of speed safety systems authorized under AB 645. We urge the City of Long Beach to take immediate action to expedite the deployment of these life-saving measures.

In 2023, the California State Legislature passed AB 645, selecting Long Beach as one of six cities to implement a pilot speed safety camera program. Despite this opportunity to lead in traffic safety innovation and improve road safety for all citizens, Long Beach is falling behind. San Francisco has already implemented its speed safety program, with the first cameras activated on March 20, 2025, with

an outpouring of support from the community. Meanwhile, Long Beach residents continue to face preventable danger on our streets.

The human cost of this delay is devastating. According to preliminary data from the Transportation Injury Mapping Systems (TIMS), Long Beach experienced 36 traffic fatalities and 2,967 injuries in 2024 alone. Of these casualties, 172 were pedestrians and 97 were cyclists. Speeding was identified as the primary factor in 25.19% of these incidents – the single largest contributor to traffic violence in our city.

Recent tragedies highlight the urgent need for action:

In February 2025, a 77-year-old pedestrian was struck at Palo Verde and Atherton and died a week later. That same month, another pedestrian was killed while crossing Atherton Street, and a third was struck and killed by multiple vehicles on Anaheim Street. In January 2025, an 80-year-old cyclist was killed in a hit-and-run on Atlantic Avenue.

These victims are unnecessary tragedies on our roadways, and there is no excuse for continuing this type of recklessness. Cities like Philadelphia, PA, report a 95% reduction in speeding at camera locations and a 50% reduction in pedestrian-involved crashes. Long Beach deserves this type of road safety protection, too.

The areas surrounding Cal State Long Beach are particularly dangerous, with streets like Bellflower, Atherton, Palo Verde, and 7th Street becoming high-speed corridors where drivers regularly exceed 60 mph. These wide, unobstructed roadways create deadly conditions for everyone, especially pedestrians and cyclists.

We remind you that any revenue generated by the speed camera program can only fund additional traffic calming measures in Long Beach, providing immediate safety benefits through enforcement and long-term improvements through infrastructure.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the City of Long Beach:

1. Provide a public update on the current status of AB 645 implementation in Long Beach
2. Establish and share a clear timeline for the deployment of speed safety cameras
3. Prioritize camera placement in high-risk corridors, particularly around schools and areas where children are present, such as playgrounds, libraries, and parks

The lives of Long Beach residents should not be sacrificed due to administrative delays. We stand ready to support the city in community outreach and education efforts related to this program.

Sincerely,

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