

PETITION FOR RECALL

TO THE HONORABLE City Council of Long Beach, Pursuant to the California Constitution and California election laws, we the undersigned registered and qualified electors of the City of Long Beach, California, respectfully state that we seek the recall and removal of Robert Garcia, holding the office of Mayor, in Long Beach, California. We demand an election of a successor to that office. The following Notice of Intention to Circulate Recall Petition was served on June 29, 2020 to Mayor Robert Garcia:

TO THE HONORABLE Mayor Robert Garcia, Mayor Garcia has advanced his political career at the expense of LongBeach's most vulnerable residents. For this we seek his immediate recall. In exchange for substantial contributions from a powerful police lobby, Garcia has repeatedly failed to discipline police brutality. Even when unarmed black and brown locals were murdered by officers, Garcia routinely excused police misconduct and brazenly forces local tax payers to cover multi-million dollar settlements. Favoring downtown gentrification and ignoring housing inequities, Garcia gives generous tax breaks, and substantial building contracts to Corporate Development donors. But for the poor, Garcia shows little compassion. He regularly raises their taxes, fines and fees to finance the salary increases and city contracts of his donors. Reminiscent of Jim Crow in the South, Garcia grossly insists on building an \$85 million Olympic pool adjacent to affluent beachfront residents while poor black and brown children suffer segregation. A steward of systemic racism, Garcia has willingly stood aside while his Big Oil donors pollute more of the air inhaled by black and brown children living along our city's Diesel Death Corridor. Alarming, Garcia's political ascension seems to know few moral limits. Thus, having lost our public trust we respectfully seek his swift recall.

The printed names of at least 10 proponents are as follows: Carlos Ovalle, Amanda Nordquist, Lauren Raiza, Steven Van Over II, Tania Ovalle Perez, James Krise, Gabriel Castro, Arden Luethman, Jennifer Burnett, Heaven Kosonoy

The answer of the officer sought to be recalled is as follows:

Dr. Robert Garcia was elected in 2014 as the 28th Mayor of Long Beach. He was overwhelmingly reelected in 2018 by a vote of 79%.

Under Mayor Garcia's leadership, Long Beach has:

- Adopted 6 balanced budgets and maintained an AA credit rating.
- Launched the largest infrastructure program in a generation.
- Built and planned 4,000 new affordable and working-class homes across the city.
- Created \$3.5 billion in construction work and good paying jobs.
- Modernized the Long Beach Airport.
- Made the Port of Long Beach into a leading sustainable economic driver.
- Reduced officer involved shootings and use of force.
- Worked to reduce crime in neighborhoods.
- Received a perfect score from the Human Rights Campaign for LGBTQ inclusion.
- For the first time in history, had more women on citywide boards and commissions.
- Expanded preschool and internships across the city.

Mayor Garcia will continue to focus on making the City of Long Beach a leader in education, sustainability and good paying jobs.

VOLUNTEER CIRCULATOR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THIS PETITION IS BEING CIRCULATED BY A VOLUNTEER.

Each of the undersigned states for himself/herself that he or she is a registered and qualified elector of the City of Long Beach, California.

	PRINT YOUR NAME 1.	RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONLY	
	YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE	CITY ZIP	
	PRINT YOUR NAME 2.	RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONLY	
	YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE	CITY ZIP	
	PRINT YOUR NAME 3.	RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONLY	
	YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE	CITY ZIP	
	PRINT YOUR NAME 4.	RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONLY	
	YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE	CITY ZIP	
	PRINT YOUR NAME 5.	RESIDENCE ADDRESS ONLY	
	YOUR SIGNATURE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE	CITY ZIP	

DECLARATION OF PERSON CIRCULATING SECTION OF RECALL PETITION (MUST BE IN CIRCULATOR'S OWN HANDWRITING)

I, _____, solemnly swear (or affirm) all of the following:

1. That I am 18 years of age or older.
 2. That my residence address, including street and number, is _____
(If no street or number exists, a designation of my residence adequate to readily ascertain its location is.)
 3. That the signatures on this section of the petition form were obtained between _____, 20____, and _____, 20____; that I circulated the petition and I witnessed the signatures on this section of the petition form being written; and that, to the best of my information and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.
 4. That I showed each signer a valid and unfalsified "Official Top Funders" sheet, as required by Elections Code Section 107. - N/A
- I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ at _____, California.

Circulator's Signature

Date