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RE: AB 2586 (Gatto) Parking

Notice of Opposition (*As amended in Assembly Transportation Committee*)

Dear Assembly Member Gatto:

The City of Manhattan Beach must respectfully oppose your AB 2586, which would restrict a local governments' ability to regulate local parking. This bill unnecessarily upends local authority to regulate parking, an authority that cities have had since at least 1959.

In 2013, the state enacted AB 61 (Gatto, Chapter 71, Statutes of 2013), a bill narrowly targeted at broken parking meters. Broken meters represent only a fraction of working parking meters, and many cities, Manhattan Beach included, have proactively adopted ordinances to not ticket such vehicles on their own. Furthermore, this bill proposes that cities must consider a specific and usually expensive parking technology that may not be the most suitable for their community.

Unlike AB 61, AB 2586 goes well beyond the limitations imposed on local government authority to regulate its own parking needs, such as street sweeping, arrangements with business districts, the type of technology that can be utilized, and its ability to contract with private parking enforcement.

No entity is better equipped than local government to regulate its own parking needs. In fact, many small cities throughout the state do not have any parking meters and many of the larger cities are moving towards some of the technology called for in this bill. Cities continue to demonstrate their willingness to adapt to their residents' parking needs and there is no demonstrated need for the state to insert itself into this core local issue.

For these reasons, the City of Manhattan Beach **opposes** your AB 2586.

Sincerely,

Tony D'Errico
Mayor
City of Manhattan Beach

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