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September 7, 2023

The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT OF AB 262 (HOLDEN) AS AMENDED - CHILDREN'S CAMPS:
SAFETY AND REGULATION**

Dear Assembly Member Holden,

The City of Paramount is pleased to express support for AB 262, which would create requirements with the State Department of Social Services to convene a stakeholder group to make recommendations to the Legislature on improving children's camp safety in California.

For over 30 years, Paramount's Summer Day Camp program has been an asset to community members, providing enriching, fun and safe supervised programming for children ages 5 to 11. The City's Summer Day Camp program is heavily subsidized through our General Fund to provide access to affordable high quality camp experiences. The amended AB 262 is a step in the right direction as it would further legislative efforts to address camp safety, while ensuring an inclusive stakeholder process that elevates the voices of local governments. We are hopeful that through the stakeholder group process, new requirements would not adversely affect our ability to continue to provide summer day camp opportunities, without significantly increasing the cost of the camp, making it unaffordable for our residents.

The City of Paramount recognizes the value municipally run camps have on youth and we look forward to the opportunity to advocate to ensure recommendations taking into consideration our ability to run affordable summer day camps for years to come. For these reasons, the City of Paramount supports AB 262 as amended. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. On behalf of the City of Paramount, we thank you for your time and consideration.

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