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The Honorable Diane Dixon
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2373 (Dixon) Neighborhood-Scale Adaption Approach for Coastal Planning. Notice of SUPPORT (As Introduced on February 20, 2026)

Dear Assemblymember Dixon,

The City of Paramount is pleased to sponsor and support AB 2373 (Dixon), which would allow coastal cities and counties to use the neighborhood-scale adaptation approach when updating Local Coastal Programs (LCPs). This approach would support more effective and implementable coastal adaptation planning in response to sea level rise, coastal flooding, and erosion that is impacting California's coastline.

Under the Coastal Act, LCPs are critically important planning tools that balance coastal resource protection with community development and public access. However, updating LCPs can be challenging for coastal cities and counties due to limited local capacity, the complexity of managing a changing coastal environment with a variety of hazards, and the need for consistency expectations for LCP certification and approval by the state. These challenges are compounded by the increasing impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and stronger storm surge events, which require both near-term planning decisions and long-term adaptation strategies.

AB 2373 would help address these challenges by authorizing coastal local governments to use a neighborhood-scale adaptation approach when developing land use policies and implementation measures within their LCPs. This bill would define "neighborhood-scale adaptation approach" in statute to help local governments identify specific areas or assets of coastline with shared characteristics and apply adaptation strategies based on the geophysical conditions and land use patterns of the defined areas or assets. By supporting cities and counties with their LCP updates on a more manageable scale, the bill would improve local planning and provide greater certainty while ensuring continued consistency with the Coastal Act.

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Although Paramount is not a coastal city, we are deeply connected to the health, resilience, and economic vitality of California’s coastline. Our residents, businesses, and regional infrastructure depend on coastal transportation corridors, ports, and recreation areas that are increasingly vulnerable to sea level rise and coastal flooding. When coastal jurisdictions have the tools they need to plan effectively—such as the neighborhood-scale adaptation approach authorized by AB 2373—it strengthens regional resilience, protects supply chains and economic activity that inland communities rely on, and reduces long-term statewide costs associated with climate-driven damage. Paramount’s local economy includes warehouses and distribution centers with direct links to port activity, and maintaining strong connections between deep water ports and the closely interconnected Paramount land uses is a commitment to our shared goals and resources. Supporting coastal partners in developing practical, science-based adaptation strategies ultimately benefits inland cities like Paramount by ensuring the stability of shared regional systems and safeguarding the coastal resources that millions of Californians depend on.

For these reasons, the City of Paramount is pleased to support AB 2373 (Dixon). Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. We thank you for your time and consideration.

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