## City Council Special Meeting (Closed Session - 5:00 PM and Open Session - 6:00 PM: Rescheduled from May 14, 2024)

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STATE BILL PASSES ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY Assembly Bill 2309 gained full support from Public Safety Committee

Manhattan Beach, CA (May 9, 2024) - Mayor Joe Franklin and Police Chief Rachel Johnson testified before the Assembly Committee on Public Safety regarding the City's sponsorship of Assembly Bill (AB) 2309 on April 23, 2024. The bill successfully passed the committee and will move forward to the full State Assembly for a vote before moving on to State Senate approval.

If passed, AB 2309, introduced by Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, removes a consent requirement from the county District Attorney and authorizes the city attorney of any general law or chartered city to prosecute misdemeanors committed within the city arising out of a violation of state law. The Los Angeles County District Attorney currently does not prosecute certain state misdemeanors pursuant to Special Directive 20-07. The City of Manhattan Beach is officially sponsoring AB 2309 in hopes that state misdemeanors can be prosecuted locally by the City Attorney.

Other cities and organizations have sent official letters of support including, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association, the League of California Cities, City of Beverly Hills, City of Santa Clarita, City of Mission Viejo, City of Stanton, and the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce.

"At the local level, we are directly charged with managing and overseeing our police department and the public safety teams our constituents depend on," Mayor Joe Franklin said. "Our constituents expect these safety services to provide for their protection from not only violent and serious crime, but from harassment, abuse, and quality of life crimes. Unfortunately, in our City and many others across the region, we are unable to meet the public safety expectations of our community because of our limited prosecutorial power. AB 2309 will provide the ability for local governments to fulfill this responsibility on behalf of the people depending on us."

"There must be a balance between enforcement and consequences that match the crimes being committed," said Chief Rachel Johnson. "But when there are zero consequences to illegal behavior, it creates an imbalance that jeopardizes our ability to protect people. That is what AB 2309 is really about from a police department's standpoint—protecting people."