



# City of Hermosa Beach

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The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
California State Assembly, District 66  
State Capital, Room 2179  
P.O Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: Assembly Bill No. 1782**  
**NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City Council and residents of the City of Hermosa Beach, I am writing to enthusiastically support your proposed legislation, Assembly Bill 1782, which intends to establish surfing as the official sport of the State of California.

We believe that surfing is THE iconic California sport. Not only is the state home to a number of world-famous surf breaks along its approximately 1,100 miles of coastline, California also hosts many domestic and international surf events including the International Surf Festival, the U.S. Open of Surfing, and the Big Wave Surf Contest which are destinations for countless visitors to our state. California is also home to some of the biggest names in the sport, and is the birthplace of the commercial surf board industry – which emerged in California in the 1950's. Furthermore, California is also home to the Surfers' Hall of Fame, the International Surfing Museum, and the California Surf Museum.

It is no surprise then, that this sport is also deeply rooted within the fabric of the City of Hermosa Beach, having played an important role in our community's history and culture. This is exemplified by Hermosa's long-standing commercial surf board industry in town and popular celebrations such as the Surfer's Walk of Fame, International Surf Festival and Spyder Surf Fest events that are hosted annually. The City of Hermosa Beach firmly believes that designating surfing as the official state sport is an appropriate tribute to this rich history and its importance to our past, present and future.

Therefore, the City of Hermosa Beach is happy to support Assembly Bill 1782 for the opportunities it presents to: pay tribute to a sport which has truly shaped the heritage and culture of our state; expand our local economy through tourism and recreation; and more importantly, to raise awareness and remain sensitive to environmental conservation needs of protecting our ocean's resources.

The City of Hermosa Beach appreciates your efforts and affirms its support of Assembly Bill 1782. Should you have any questions or would like follow-up information on this matter, please contact our Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia at [ndeanda@hermosabch.org](mailto:ndeanda@hermosabch.org) or 310-318-0201.

Sincerely,

Jeff Duclos, Mayor  
City of Hermosa Beach