



**CITY OF
HERMOSA BEACH**
City Council

March 10, 2026

The Honorable Roger Niello
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7110
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for SB 84 (Niello)-Disability Access: Construction-Related Accessibility Claims:
Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Correct**

Senator Niello:

On behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach, the City supports SB 84, which will encourage small businesses to fully address construction-related accessibility claims with 120 days of being notified of alleged violations.

SB 84 would prohibit a construction-related accessibility claim for statutory damages from being initiated in a legal proceeding against a defendant who employs 50 or fewer individuals, as specified, unless the defendant has been served with a letter specifying each alleged violation, and the alleged violations have not been corrected within 120 days of service of the letter.

Granting small businesses, the “right to cure” allows them to use their limited time and resources to focus on fixing alleged violations, instead of complicated legal proceedings. When small businesses are forced to close to pay legal fees and settlements, everybody loses. Prioritizing compliance in a timely and effective manner balances the City’s goals to expand accessibility and ensure small businesses can thrive.

Unfortunately, many small businesses are targeted by attorneys who prioritize large settlements over ensuring accessibility. If the violations outlined in the letter to the businesses are not addressed appropriately with 120 days, a plaintiff would still have the right to pursue legal action and advocate for their rights as guaranteed under the Americans with Disabilities Act. For these reasons, the City supports SB 84.

Sincerely,

Michael Detoy
Mayor

cc: Senator Ben Allen, Senate District 24
Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, Assembly District 66