



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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GRACEY VAN DER MARK MAYOR

August 7, 2024

The Honorable Janet Nguyen
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7130
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCR 165- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Nguyen,

On behalf of the City of Huntington Beach, I write to express enthusiastic support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 165 (SCR 165), which proposes to designate California Highway 405 as "Surf City Highway."

As the Mayor of Huntington Beach, a city renowned globally as "Surf City," I believe this designation will celebrate our rich surf culture and enhance the identity of our community. Huntington Beach has long been recognized as a premier destination for surfers and beachgoers alike. Our city's vibrant surfing community, iconic pier, and world-class surf competitions, such as the U.S. Open of Surfing, have cemented our reputation as a central hub for surfing culture. Naming a major thoroughfare like the California Highway 405 after this cherished aspect of our identity will further solidify our standing and promote our cultural heritage.

The designation of "Surf City Highway" will not only honor the history and significance of surfing in Huntington Beach but also serve as a beacon to visitors from around the world. This initiative aligns with our city's commitment to preserving and celebrating our coastal and surfing heritage. It will also contribute to local tourism and economic development by attracting visitors who are drawn to the allure of our surf culture.

We appreciate your efforts to introduce SCR 165 and residents and visitors of Huntington Beach, as well as the broader surfing community, will greatly benefit from the designation.

Sincerely,

Gracey Van Der Mark
Mayor

Introduced by Senator Nguyen

June 27, 2024

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 165—Relative to the Surf City Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 165, as introduced, Nguyen. Surf City Highway.

This measure would designate specified portions of State Route 405 in the County of Orange as the Surf City Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, In 1991, the City of Huntington Beach adopted
2 the nickname “Surf City USA” to recognize the city’s surf and
3 beach culture; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of Huntington Beach’s unique location
5 offers consistent waves year round; and

6 WHEREAS, The City of Huntington Beach is home to over 100
7 years of surfing history and 10 miles of coastline, including popular
8 surfing spots such as the Huntington Beach Pier, HB Cliffs, Bolsa
9 Chica State Beach, and Huntington State Beach; and

10 WHEREAS, Surfing is a major part of the City of Huntington
11 Beach’s culture, history, and economy; and

12 WHEREAS, USA Surfing adopted the City of Huntington Beach
13 as its official home and the Association of Surfing Professionals
14 North America moved to the city; and

1 WHEREAS, The City of Huntington Beach’s surf culture is
2 mentioned in popular songs such as “Surf City” by Jan and Dean,
3 “Surfin’ Safari” by the Beach Boys, and “Surfer Joe” by The
4 Surfaris; and

5 WHEREAS, The City of Huntington Beach is the home of the
6 US Open of Surfing, the Huntington Beach International Surfing
7 Museum, the Surfers’ Hall of Fame, and the Surfing Walk of Fame;
8 and

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
10 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
11 northbound or northern portion of State Highway Route 405 from
12 Warner Ave (Postmile 14.817) to Bolsa Ave (Postmile 17.753),
13 and the southbound or southern portion of State Highway Route
14 405 from Bolsa Ave (Postmile 17.753) to Warner Ave (Postmile
15 14.817), in the County of Orange, as the Surf City Highway; and
16 be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
18 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
19 signing requirements for the state highway system showing those
20 special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
21 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
23 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
24 for appropriate distribution.