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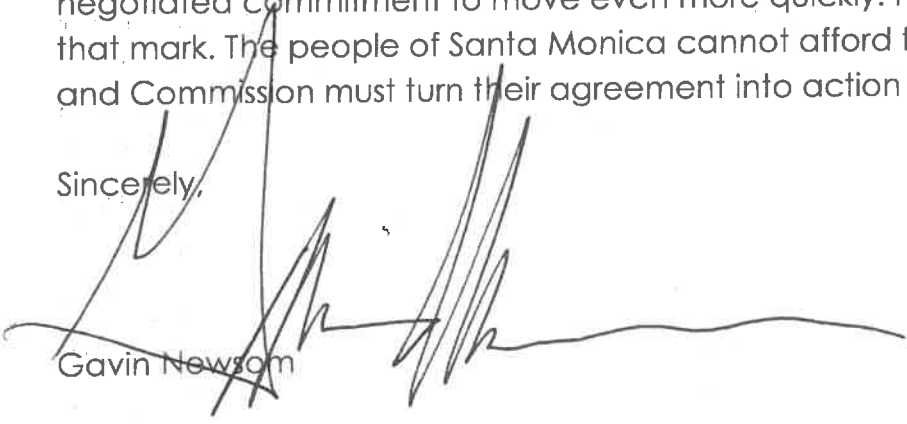
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1740, which requires the City of Santa Monica to submit a complete proposed local coastal program (LCP) to the California Coastal Commission and establishes timelines for the Commission's review.

State law has long required local governments within the coastal zone to prepare an LCP for the portion of the coastal zone within their jurisdiction. Certified LCPs are essential to reducing permitting delays for coastal projects and provide jurisdictions greater predictability for housing, active transportation, and community investments. And yet, Santa Monica has had an outstanding LCP for over three decades. This is unacceptable.

In recent months, the City and the Commission have already agreed, through their own memorandum of understanding, to complete certification by the end of 2027. This bill's submission and review deadlines will now provide a legally mandated backstop, but those statutory deadlines should not replace that negotiated commitment to move even more quickly. I expect both parties to hit that mark. The people of Santa Monica cannot afford further delay. The City and Commission must turn their agreement into action and deliver that result.

Sincerely,



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