

## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor

September 5, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Governor, State of California State Capitol, Governor's Office Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 822 (Wiener) Communications: broadband Internet access service. City of Beverly Hills – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in **SUPPORT** of **SB 822 (Wiener)** and respectfully request you **SIGN** this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill will prohibit Internet service providers from engaging in paid prioritization and other practices that violate the principle of "net neutrality."

The recent rollback of the Federal Communications Commission rules protecting net neutrality has left consumers vulnerable to unscrupulous business practices and exorbitant charges for broadband internet service, seriously threatening a free and open internet. With the removal of these vital consumer protections at the federal level, the City of Beverly Hills strongly believes that California must act immediately to take steps to protect both consumers and a free and open internet by establishing statewide net neutrality laws. To demonstrate our commitment to the principle of net neutrality the City of Beverly Hills intends to only contract broadband internet services from providers that abide by the principles of net neutrality. **SB 822 (Wiener)** will help California's businesses and consumers by guaranteeing that Internet service providers treat all data on their networks equally. For these reasons, the City **SUPPORTS SB 822 (Wiener)** and respectfully requests you **SIGN** this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Julian A. Gold M.D. Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener, 11th Senate District The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District The Honorable Richard H. Bloom, 50th Assembly District Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.