

## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor

August 21, 2018

The Honorable Ben Allen California State Assembly, 26th District State Capitol, Room 5072 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1335 (Allen) Solid waste: food service packaging: state agencies, facilities, and property.

City of Beverly Hills - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Allen

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT of your SB 1335 (Allen).** This bill will require that, beginning in 2021, all disposable food packaging used in or on state property by a food service facility is made from approved reusable, recyclable, or compostable materials.

Non-recycled, single-use food packaging creates tons of waste in the state every day. That waste inevitably makes its way into the environment, polluting animal habitats and city streets alike. This environmentally hazardous waste poses serious risks to the environment and public health. This unnecessary risk can be avoided through the use of recyclable and eco-friendly alternatives to these products that can be just as, if not more, cost-efficient. This bill would take a huge step in reducing the amount of non-recycled take-out food packaging used in state facilities while also preserving the ability of localities to establish their own policies regarding the use of these products.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to **SUPPORT your SB 1335 (Allen).** Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely

cc:

Julian A. Gold, M.D.

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District

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