



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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**Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor**

June 4, 2018

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
California State Assembly, 66<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 2179  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1775 (Muratsuchi) State lands: leasing: oil and gas.  
**City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT of your AB 1775 (Muratsuchi)**. This bill will help protect and preserve California's coastline.

Specifically, this bill will prohibit the State Lands Commission or local trustees from entering into any new lease or other conveyance that would authorize new construction of oil and gas related infrastructure within state waters associated with Outer Continental Shelf leases issued after 2018.

California's coastline is a precious economic resource that generates billions of dollars annually. It also houses an environmentally fragile ecosystem filled with unique animal and plant species found nowhere else in the world including the California Grunion, California Scorpionfish, California Gulls, and Pacific Eelgrass. The California Coast is also home to many migrating marine mammals including Northern Elephant Seals, Blue Whales, and Humpback Whales. Protecting these species from the hazards associated with off shore oil drilling is paramount to a having a healthy ecosystem.

Additionally, millions of visitors travel to the California Coast each year to take in its breathtaking views, pristine coastline, and participate in many ocean activities including surfing, wake boarding, jet skiing, and scuba diving. An offshore oil spill would have severely impact jurisdictions who are

reliant on those visitors. An offshore oil spill would also directly impact communities close to Beverly Hills, including Santa Monica and Malibu.

Based on these reasons and more, there has historically been broad bipartisan support for efforts to eliminate activities that threaten our coastline. The offshore drilling activities recently proposed by the Federal government threaten California's coastal economy and its ecology.

The City of Beverly Hills fully supports efforts to maintain the integrity of California's coast and the wealth of economy activity that it enables. **AB 1775 (Muratsuchi)** is a crucial part of that effort.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to **SUPPORT your AB 1775 (Muratsuchi)**. Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,

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Julian A. Gold, M.D.

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District  
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District  
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The Honorable Richard Bloom  
California State Assembly, 50th District  
State Capitol, Room 2003  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1771 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: regional housing needs assessment.  
City of Beverly Hills – **SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

Dear Assembly Member Bloom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT of AB 1771 (Bloom) IF AMENDED** with an additional focus on regional solutions. With an increased emphasis on the role of regional partners, the bill will help ensure that local governments continue playing a part in addressing the statewide housing crisis.

The regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) for each city and county constitutes one of the fundamental parts of housing element updates. RHNA provides each city and county with a projection of additional housing units needed to accommodate existing households and projected household growth of all income levels by the end of the housing element planning period. **AB 1771 (Bloom)** will help ensure that the RHNA process is data-driven instead of political, which will assist with the equal distribution of new housing within regions.

However, by moving the appeals process from the locally-based Council of Governments (COG) to the statewide Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), this bill would introduce a statewide actor into what has historically been a regionally-driven process. Local municipalities are uniquely qualified to identify and provide solutions to their housing needs, and the insertion of HCD into the RHNA process will add a layer of additional complexity which has the potential to make meeting the required RHNA timeframe even more difficult than it is

currently. Thus, the City of Beverly Hills would like to see the appeals process remain based in the COG rather than moved to HCD.

Additionally, in built out cities such as Beverly Hills, it is difficult to create new housing when no land is available or it is available at an extremely high costs. Beverly Hills is highly interested in collaborating with our neighboring jurisdictions to jointly construct affordable housing where money can be well spent to build more affordable housing where it makes sense for both jurisdictions. However, as RHNA is defined now, should Beverly Hills enter into such a joint venture, our City would receive no RHNA credit.

Like transportation in our area, housing is also a regional matter and needs to be addressed as such instead of dictating an allocation to each city. Therefore, we ask you to also include in your bill the ability for local agencies to work jointly on developing regional housing to serve the area and be able to satisfy the RHNA requirement.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to **SUPPORT AB 1771 (Bloom) IF AMENDED**. Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 157  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 946 (Lara): Sidewalk vendors.  
City of Beverly Hills - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I regretfully write to you today in respectful **OPPOSITION to SB 946 (Lara)**. This bill would strip cities and counties of local authority by requiring them to adopt a sidewalk vending licensing program in order to regulate sidewalk vendors.

Beyond mandating that a locality create and maintain a sidewalk vending licensing program in order to regulate sidewalk vendors, **SB 946 (Lara)** establishes restrictions on the type of regulations that a local authority may enact, seriously eroding local control. **SB 946 (Lara)** takes away the City's ability to ensure rights-of-way, including sidewalks, are safe and passable to pedestrians and the physically disabled. Furthermore, it would allow sidewalk vendors to conduct business without restrictions in our parks, which is a use the City parks were never designed for. The impacts to those who use or live near those parks would be extensive and cause an undesirable environment for families who enjoy our City parks.

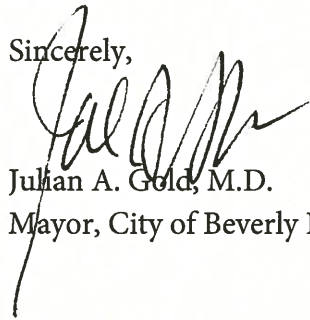
The City of Beverly Hills is a world-renowned tourist destination and many of the travelers who visit our City come in part to shop at our many high-end retail stores. The restrictions on a local jurisdiction's ability to regulate sidewalk vendors contained in **SB 946 (Lara)** would prevent the City of Beverly Hills from taking steps to preserve the City's character as a desirable shopping destination. The bill specifically states that economic competition does not constitute an objective

health, safety, or welfare concern that would have a significant impact on the commercial district of the City.

Economic competition is a very real concern that online shopping has decreased consumer spending at the stores located in our business district. Our City has made strides over the past year to improve the shopping experience for consumers and we see this bill as an incursion into local control and how our City can best decide to the use of sidewalks and right-of-way in a manner that best services the community.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully **OPPOSES SB 946 (Lara)**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Julian A. Gold, M.D.

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Local Government Committee  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, 33rd Senate District  
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District  
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District  
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