

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor

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The Honorable Scott Wiener California State Senate, 11th District State Capitol, Room 5100 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 828 (Wiener) Land use: housing element.

City of Beverly Hills - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Wiener,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful **OPPOSITION to your SB 828** (Wiener). This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct an assessment on unmet regional housing needs to be included in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for the next housing element cycle and mandates the manner in which regional governments are able to meet their RHNA obligations.

By mandating the way in which regional governments are able to meet their RHNA allocations, this bill prescribes a one-size-fits-all statewide solution to an issue that is best addressed on a regional and local basis. Regional and local governments are more familiar with and better equipped to respond to the issues that SB 828 (Wiener) would attempt to address. The City of Beverly Hills has long contended that regional and local problems are best solved through respective regional and local solutions, including the issue of regional housing development.

The City of Beverly Hills has long advocated for the preservation of local control, and firmly asserts that localities are better positioned to address the needs of local constituents. The City consistently meets its RHNA housing production requirements and works with other local governments in the region to do our part to ensure that regional housing needs are met. **SB 828 (Wiener)** would unnecessarily disrupt these effective regional efforts that are working well in our communities.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully **OPPOSES SB 828 (Wiener).** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julian A. Gold, MD

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc:

The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.