



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Luz Rivas
California State Assembly, 39th District
State Capitol, Room 3126
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 71 (L. Rivas) Homeless Assistance Funding
City of Beverly Hills – Support If Amended

Dear Assembly Member Rivas:

I write to inform you that the City of Beverly Hills has adopted a position of SUPPORT IF AMENDED on your AB 71. This measure seeks to establish a permanent source of funding to help address the ongoing problem of homelessness. We respectfully request that this measure be amended to provide direct allocations to local jurisdictions with a population of 30,000 or more. Homelessness is a problem that does not respect local jurisdictional boundaries or population thresholds, and state funding should not be restricted based on these artificial divisions.

We applaud the goals of AB 71 as this bill seeks to establish a permanent source of funding to address the cycle of homelessness. In the past, the state has attempted to address homelessness with short-term or one-time solutions. These prior attempts included funding that did not reach local jurisdictions with populations of our size.

Currently, hundreds of thousands of Californians are either experiencing or on the verge of becoming homeless. This number is only going to grow more rapidly when the rental protections for evictions fade as the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. AB 71 will provide an ongoing funding source to assist local governments in implementing policies and programs to assist those experiencing homelessness. It would close corporate loopholes and conform California law to recent changes in the federal tax law regarding taxes imposed on offshore earnings, known as “GILTI,” or the Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income.

AB 71 could provide the City with additional funding to create and preserve affordable housing, establish additional permanent supportive housing, provide prevention services, and fund various other homelessness programs. The new funding source will complement and supplement the one-time State funded programs such as the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program.

Our City supports the noble concepts of your AB 71; however, we are respectfully requesting the bill be amended to provide direct funding to cities with a population of 30,000 or more.

Sincerely,



Robert Wunderlich

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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