



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

July 1, 2021

The Honorable David Chiu
California State Assembly, 17th District
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 816 (Chiu) – State and Local Agencies: homelessness plan
The City of Beverly Hills – **Oppose Unless Amended**

Dear Assemblymember Chiu,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to your AB 816 UNLESS AMENDED to ensure adequate state funding is provided to local governments to achieve the reductions in homelessness proposed in this bill. AB 816 would require local agencies to submit a county-level plan to meet specific annual benchmarks relating to homelessness and develop and implement a homelessness plan to achieve the benchmark goals. The bill additionally authorizes the newly created and appointed State Homelessness Inspector General to take legal action against local governments should they fail to comply with the requirements of this bill within a “reasonable” time frame.

Without adequate and significant state funding to carry out the mandates to plan for the development, implementation, and subsequent enforcement of the homelessness plans and benchmarks in this bill, we do not believe local governments have a realistic chance of meeting the goals laid out under AB 816 to address the homelessness crisis.

The City of Beverly Hills continues to take concrete steps to combat homelessness and work with regional partners and the state to address this problem through effective collaboration. However, as drafted, AB 816 would place a heavy burden on local jurisdictions to solve the homelessness crisis without a significant and ongoing funding commitment from the state. We would request that your office consider amendments to provide jurisdictions with adequate funding to address the homelessness crisis in California effectively.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully OPPOSE your AB 816 UNLESS AMENDED to address the concerns previously mentioned.

Sincerely,



Robert Wunderlich

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Housing Committee
Members and Consultants, Senate Human Services Committee
Members and Consultants, Senate Judiciary Committee
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th Senate District
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