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## **Beverly Hills City Council Launches Anti-Voter Fraud Initiative**

Beverly Hills, CA –On Tuesday, January 25, 2017, the Beverly Hills City Council voted to unanimously support the establishment of a City-based Anti-Voter Fraud Initiative. The initiative was in response to what has appeared to be an “overwhelming evidence of voter fraud” in Beverly Hills, stated Mayor John Mirisch.

The City will now review what it can do to help prevent voter fraud. An educational outreach program and a collaborative community ‘watch-dog’ approach will be further developed.

During its study session on January 10, 2017, representatives from the offices of the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder County Clerk, the Los Angeles District Attorney and the California Secretary of State were, invited to discuss allegations of database and voter fraud in Beverly Hills. Out of the three agencies, the Los Angeles District Attorney’s did not send a representative.

Citing significant concern, Mayor John Mirisch stated, “we will do whatever it takes to protect the integrity of our electoral system. In this City, every vote does count, but only the ones from actual Beverly Hills residents should be included.”

Local residents and members of the City’s Sunshine Task Force have discussed voter fraud issues resulting from the November 2016 election. According to Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk’s office in Los Angeles, there were 516 Beverly Hills voters registered at non-residential addresses. From that group, there were 492 voters registered to four postal addresses in Beverly Hills.

The City of Beverly Hills will hold a municipal election on March 7, 2017 to fill three City Council seats and one City Treasurer seat. Eight Beverly Hills residents have completed the requirements to become City Council candidates. One person has filed for the position of City Treasurer and is running unopposed.

Beverly Hills municipal elections have a history of being decided by a handful of votes. In the 2013 election, a City Council candidate won by seven votes. Community members are encouraged to apply the 'see something, say something' approach.

**Report Voter Fraud**

Beverly Hills City Clerk's Office: 310-285-2400 or [beverlyhills.org/voterfraud](http://beverlyhills.org/voterfraud)

CA Secretary of State: (916) 657-2166 or (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

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