



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor

August 30, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 828 (Wiener) Land use: housing element.
City of Beverly Hills – Request for Veto

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in strong **OPPOSITION to SB 828 (Wiener)** and respectfully request you **VETO** this bill when it comes before your desk. 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 consistently asserted 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 a history of advocating for the preservation of local control, and firmly asserts that localities are better positioned to address the needs of local constituents. The City regularly 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 **OPPOSES SB 828 (Wiener)** and respectfully urges you to **VETO** this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian A. Gold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Julian A. Gold, MD

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener, 11th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.