August 21, 2018

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

City of Beverly Hills – Request for Veto  

Dear Governor Brown,  

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in OPPOSITION to AB 2411 (McCarty) and respectfully request you VETO this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill would strip local governments of their ability to oversee environmental restoration efforts after a wildfire.  

While the goal of increasing the use of compost throughout the state and by state agencies is laudable, it must not be done at the expense of local control over environmental restoration efforts. This intrusion into the jurisdiction of local governments will limit the ability of localities to make the best choices for their communities during restoration efforts after a wildfire.  

California’s ecological variety makes a one-size approach like that contained in AB 2411 (McCarty) potentially detrimental to communities across the state. This bill would override the authority of the cities and the will of those in their jurisdiction to make decisions on how to restore the natural environment following a wildfire in a matter consistent with their local ecology.  

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills OPPOSES AB 2411 (McCarty) and respectfully urges you to VETO this measure. Thank you for your consideration.  

Sincerely,  

Julian A. Gold, M.D.  
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills  

cc:  The Honorable Kevin McCarty, 7th Assembly District  
    The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District  
    The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District  
    Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.