



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor

June 4, 2018

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 946 (Lara): Sidewalk vendors.
City of Beverly Hills - OPPOSE

Dear Chair Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I regretfully write to you today in respectful **OPPOSITION to SB 946 (Lara)**. This bill would strip cities and counties of local authority by requiring them to adopt a sidewalk vending licensing program in order to regulate sidewalk vendors.

Beyond mandating that a locality create and maintain a sidewalk vending licensing program in order to regulate sidewalk vendors, **SB 946 (Lara)** establishes restrictions on the type of regulations that a local authority may enact, seriously eroding local control. **SB 946 (Lara)** takes away the City's ability to ensure rights-of-way, including sidewalks, are safe and passable to pedestrians and the physically disabled. Furthermore, it would allow sidewalk vendors to conduct business without restrictions in our parks, which is a use the City parks were never designed for. The impacts to those who use or live near those parks would be extensive and cause an undesirable environment for families who enjoy our City parks.

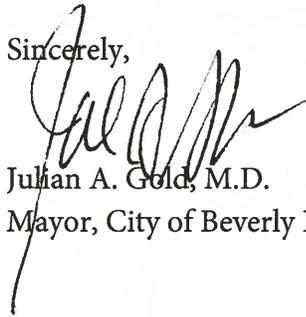
The City of Beverly Hills is a world-renowned tourist destination and many of the travelers who visit our City come in part to shop at our many high-end retail stores. The restrictions on a local jurisdiction's ability to regulate sidewalk vendors contained in **SB 946 (Lara)** would prevent the City of Beverly Hills from taking steps to preserve the City's character as a desirable shopping destination. The bill specifically states that economic competition does not constitute an objective

health, safety, or welfare concern that would have a significant impact on the commercial district of the City.

Economic competition is a very real concern that online shopping has decreased consumer spending at the stores located in our business district. Our City has made strides over the past year to improve the shopping experience for consumers and we see this bill as an incursion into local control and how our City can best decide to the use of sidewalks and right-of-way in a manner that best services the community.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully **OPPOSES SB 946 (Lara)**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian A. Gold', written over the printed name.

Julian A. Gold, M.D.

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Local Government Committee
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, 33rd Senate District
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