Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: SUPPORT – Agenda Item No. 16 - General Election 2020 Vote by Mail

Dear Supervisor Kuehl,

As the Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, I strongly SUPPORT Agenda Item No. 16 – General Election 2020 Vote by Mail, which is before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 for consideration. I sincerely thank you and Supervisor Janice Hahn for authoring this important motion that, should it be adopted, will send a vote by mail ballot to every registered voter in Los Angeles County.

Agenda Item No. 16 would adopt the provisions of the Voter’s Choice Act, Elections Code Sections 4005 and 4007(c), that are applicable Statewide for Los Angeles County. This would accelerate the provisions in the Voter’s Choice Act for mailing a ballot to every eligible voter to the November 3, 2020 General Election (General Election) in response to ongoing public health concerns related to COVID-19. Given the impact of physical distancing on decreasing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, it is imperative Los Angeles County mail every eligible voter a ballot for the General Election to prevent the spread of the virus.

Additionally, this action has the potential to decrease the exposure of poll workers to COVID-19 as it will in theory encourage people to cast their vote by mail or to drop off their ballot at a voting center rather than standing in line to vote on an electronic voting marking device.

As the Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, I want to thank you for your consideration and support of Agenda Item No. 16 – General Election 2020 Vote by Mail.

Sincerely,

Lester J. Friedman
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills