July 6, 2018

The Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2806 (Obernolte) Vehicles: disabled parking.
City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Beall,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to AB 2806 (Obernolte). This bill would allow a vehicle with a disability placard or license plate that is equipped with a lift or ramp to park in on-street parking spaces reserved for electric vehicle (EV) charging.

As California works to achieve its ambitious climate goals, it will need to facilitate the proliferation of EVs in the state. To accomplish this objective, the state will need to expand its EV charging infrastructure and ensure that it is both accessible and convenient for users. One of the tools afforded to local governments to assist in this effort is the authority to designate parking spaces strictly for the purpose of EV charging. This bill would impede the ability of local governments to ensure that EV charging is both convenient and easily accessible for their residents. AB 2806 (Obernolte) would hinder this progress in its effort to solve a problem that has not been demonstrated to exist, while stripping local governments of their ability to expand EV charging infrastructure.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully OPPOSES AB 2806 (Obernolte). Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Julian A. Gold, MD
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
    The Honorable Jay Obernolte, 33rd Assembly District
    The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
    The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
    Andrew K. Antwi, Shaw / Yoder / Antwi, Inc.