



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 5, 2017

The Honorable Kevin Mullin
California State Assembly, 22nd District
State Capitol, Room 3160
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 84 (Mullin) Primary elections: election date – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Mullin:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in **SUPPORT** of your **AB 84 (Mullin)**, which would increase the ability of California voters to influence the presidential nomination process by moving California's primary elections from June to March.

Currently, presidential candidates view California as a fundraising opportunity rather than an important part of the presidential nomination process that would require deliberate and sustained campaigning by the candidates. This is due in large part to California's June primary, which has prevented California from playing a decisive role in the presidential primary process since 1980. California's late primary dramatically limits the ability of the average California voter to have an impact on determining who will represent each party in the November presidential election.

Additionally, voter turnout in March elections have traditionally been low. The action of moving the presidential primary election from June to March will dramatically increase the voter turnout for municipal elections.

Beginning with the 2020 presidential election, **AB 84 (Mullin)** would move California's primary elections in presidential years from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June

to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March. Not only will this bill solve the problems associated with having a later primary date, but it will also serve as an effective strategy for increasing voter participation.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills **SUPPORTS AB 84 (Mullin)**. Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lili Bosse".

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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