



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor

August 21, 2018

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

Re: AB 2495 (Mayes) Prosecuting attorneys: charging defendants for the prosecution costs of criminal violations of local ordinances.

City of Beverly Hills – Request for Veto

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful **OPPOSITION** to **AB 2495 (Mayes)** and respectfully request you **VETO** this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill will prevent cities from charging defendants for the costs of investigation, prosecution, or appeal of criminal violations of local ordinances.

Cities across California use criminal nuisance abatement to compel negligent property owners to comply with local health and safety ordinances. These laws are designed to protect neighbors, occupants and the community. While cities can use a civil lawsuit to force compliance, civil cases are much more expensive for both cities and violators and can take years to resolve. Due to the increased costs, a city such as ours is unlikely, if ever, to use this less cost-efficient tool to force compliance with local ordinances.

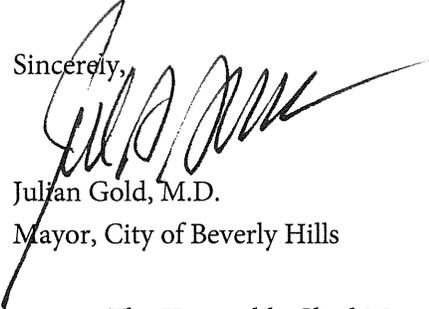
In order to protect the community's health, safety and welfare, it is important to ensure code violations are abated as soon as possible. The criminal process is the most effective and expeditious process to gain compliance.

AB 2495 (Mayes) would remove the most cost-efficient and effective cost recovery tool that cities utilize for expenses related to the investigation, prosecution, or appeal of criminal violations of local ordinances. This cost recovery option for criminal prosecutions of local health and safety code violations must be retained by cities to use when violators refuse to respond to multiple notices requesting voluntary

compliance. When these prior notices and other efforts fail to achieve voluntary compliance, the quickest and most effective tool available to cities is a criminal prosecution.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully **OPPOSES AB 2495 (Mayes)** and respectfully urges you to **VETO** this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Julian Gold, M.D.

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Chad Mayes, 42nd Assembly District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
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