



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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John A. Mirisch, Mayor

September 25, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1215 (Ting) Law enforcement: facial recognition and other biometric surveillance.
City of Beverly Hills – Request for Veto

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you to respectfully request you **VETO AB 1215 (Ting)**, which would prohibit a law enforcement agency or law enforcement official from installing, activating, or using facial recognition or other biometric surveillance system in connection with an officer camera or data collected by an officer camera until 2023.

AB 1215 (Ting) would harm public safety by prohibiting law enforcement agencies from utilizing biometric and facial recognition surveillance technologies. This technology allows law enforcement agencies to compare images of hundreds of thousands of individuals, which saves time and agency resources. Prohibiting law enforcement from utilizing this innovative new technology would hinder their ability to identify individuals suspected of engaging in criminal activity.

Facial recognition and biometric surveillance technology provides law enforcement with an increased ability to identify potentially dangerous individuals and offers significant benefits for public safety. Throughout the year, Beverly Hills is home to several events that attract high profile entertainers, businessmen, and political figures. This includes the Golden Globes, Vanity Fair Oscar After Party, and visits from the President of the United States or Presidential candidates. Our City's Police Department, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Secret Service, is charged with ensuring the safety of these individuals while they are in Beverly Hills and this technology is crucial in keeping them safe from a terrorist attack.

Facial recognition and biometric surveillance technology provide law enforcement with an increased ability to identify potentially dangerous individuals and offers significant benefits for public safety. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully **OPPOSE AB 1215 (Ting)**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. Mirisch', with a stylized, flowing script.

John A. Mirisch
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Phil Ting, 19th Assembly District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.