



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 5, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1479 (Bonta) Public records: custodian of records: civil penalties.
City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Lara:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I regretfully write to you in **OPPOSITION to AB 1479 (Bonta)**, which would require public agencies to designate a person or office to act as the city's "custodian of records" to handle California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests. This bill would also create civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for CPRA violations.

AB 1479 (Bonta) would create a bottleneck within public agencies by requiring that a single individual or office handle all CPRA requests. This mandated bureaucracy would harm the ability of the City of Beverly Hills to respond to CPRA requests in a timely fashion, undermining the fundamental intent of the California Public Records Act. This bill does not protect our City from litigious individuals, expensive attorney's fees, and exposes the City to costly, frivolous litigation and fines.

The City of Beverly Hills takes its duty to provide individuals with access to public records seriously and **AB 1479 (Bonta)** would only hinder the City's ability to meet its CPRA obligations. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully **OPPOSES AB 1479 (Bonta)**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lili Bosse".

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Jerry Hill, 13th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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