



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 5, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 21 (Hill) Law enforcement agencies: surveillance: policies – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Gonzalez Fletcher:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I regretfully write to you in **OPPOSITION** to **SB 21 (Hill)**, which would require the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD) to develop surveillance use policies for all surveillance technologies used by our police officers in the course of their investigations and in protecting our citizens. These policies would be made available for public comment and require adoption by the City Council.

**SB 21 (Hill)** would allow the public to obtain the details about the purpose and types of data collected by any surveillance technology that is already in use by BHPD as well as any future technologies our Department may utilize. By making the deployment of surveillance technologies and techniques public, criminals would be provided with the information they need to evade those techniques and technologies. This bill would thereby undermine any attempts by BHPD, and other law enforcement agencies, to use surveillance technology to increase public safety, rendering such technology useless.

To ensure that this vital information does not provide criminals with a road map to evading law enforcement surveillance, local governing bodies should be authorized to hold a closed session to discuss any surveillance technology and the policies that would guide its use. A summary of the decisions made in the closed session could then be made available to the

public, increasing the transparency of law enforcement programs that utilize surveillance technology without jeopardizing public safety.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully **OPPOSES SB 21 (Hill)**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lili Bosse", written in a cursive style.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

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