The Honorable David Chiu
California State Assembly, 17th District
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re:  AB 3269 (Chiu) State and local agencies: homelessness plan.
    City of Beverly Hills – Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Assembly Member Chiu,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to your AB 3269 UNLESS AMENDED to ensure that funding is provided to local governments to ensure that local governments are able to adequately meet their benchmark goals to address homelessness. As drafted, this bill would require the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to set a benchmark goal for state and local agencies to reduce homelessness by January 1, 2028, based upon a needs and gaps analysis. The bill would also call for annual evaluations of progress meeting those benchmark goals.

Local jurisdictions need an appropriate level of funding from the state in order to have a realistic chance of meeting the goals to address homelessness. For cities to address the state’s homelessness crisis, which has become even more dire due to the global pandemic, we believe the state should avoid top down mandates. The City of Beverly Hills is ready to take concrete steps to combat homelessness and to partner with the State to address this problem through effective collaboration. It is only through collaboration with local agencies and the state that the homelessness crisis can be resolved.

The City of Beverly Hills is respectfully requesting the author consider amending AB 3269 to provide jurisdictions with adequate funding, to effectively address the homelessness crisis in California. This would provide cities with the ability to effectively achieve any benchmark goals that the coordinating council may require, while maintaining local powers to handle the crisis in the way that would best serve our community.

As drafted, AB 3269 would place a heavy burden on local jurisdictions to solve the homelessness crisis without a strong and ongoing funding commitment from the state. For these reasons, the City
of Beverly Hills must respectfully **OPPOSE** your **AB 3269 UNLESS AMENDED** to address the concerns previously mentioned.

Sincerely,

Lester J. Friedman  
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee  
Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District  
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