

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 26, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor, State of California 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re:

AB 1685 (Bryan) Vehicles: Parking Violations

City of Beverly Hills - REQUEST FOR VETO

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to request that you VETO AB 1685 (Bryan) once this measure is presented to you for final action. AB 1685 would require cities and other processing agencies to forgive at least \$1,500 in parking fines and fees annually for people experiencing homelessness, if the processing agency would like to use the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to place a hold on a person's vehicle registration until they pay unpaid parking tickets. We remain concerned that this measure would significantly increase financial and administrative costs for our city, with no funding for reimbursement.

Our City requested that the author amend this bill to provide state funding to help defray the cost to local jurisdictions from electing to implement this measure; however, AB 1685 was not amended to address this concern. It was amended to:

- 1) Remove the requirement for the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to annually submit a report to the Legislature; and
- 2) Make the forgiveness requirement contingent on a processing agency's ability to place a hold on a person's vehicle registration until they pay unpaid parking tickets.

These amendments do not respond to the concern that we raised with the author. Under current law, cities and other processing agencies must have a payment plan mechanism in place that allows individuals with outstanding parking citations to repay their fines and penalties while preserving their ability to register and drive their vehicles. Additionally, the courts must have a procedure for waiving pre-payment penalties for indigent individuals when requesting an administrative hearing. Many cities have designated safe parking lots to make it legal for homeless individuals to park and live out of their vehicles citywide.

We requested that the author amend this bill to provide state funding help defray the cost to local jurisdictions from electing to implement this measure. Those amendments were never added to **AB 1685**; therefore, we request that you **VETO** this measure.

Sincerely,

Lil Bosse

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Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Isaac Bryan, Assemblymember, 54th District

The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District

The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District

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