



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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**Julian A. Gold M.D., Mayor**

August 21, 2018

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
43rd District, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2137  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 3232 (Friedman) Zero-emissions buildings and sources of heat energy.  
City of Beverly Hills – **SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

Dear Assembly Member Friedman,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you in **SUPPORT of AB 3232 (Friedman) IF AMENDED** to include the entire lifecycle emissions of each fuel in the California Energy Commission's (CEC) assessment called for in the bill.

The City of Beverly Hills has long supported efforts to combat the effects of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Reducing emissions from commercial and residential buildings is an integral part of those efforts. However, without looking at the total lifecycle emissions of the fuels used in these sectors, we cannot be sure that we are truly advancing those goals.

This bill as written appears to seek a total transition away from gas to electricity in the building sector. This would have significant negative impacts on the ability of cities to meet their organic waste reduction goals by limiting their ability to utilize biofuels in these efforts. This bill would also impede the ability of localities to develop the necessary infrastructure to utilize renewable energy from biogas, biomethane, and other biofuels in new and existing residential and commercial buildings.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills would **SUPPORT AB 3232 (Friedman) IF AMENDED** to address the concerns raised. Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,

Julian A. Gold, M.D.  
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

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