



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

August 11, 2022

The Honorable Isaac Bryan
Assemblymember, 54th District
1021 O Street, Suite 5630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1685 (Bryan) Vehicles: Parking Violations**
City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Assemblymember Bryan,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to inform you that the city must respectfully **OPPOSE AB 1685 UNLESS the bill is AMENDED** to provide state funding to local jurisdictions to help defray the lost revenue from waiver of the local parking fines.

As currently drafted, AB 1685 would require a local parking citation processing agency to forgive at least \$1,500 in parking fines and fees annually for a qualified homeless person. The bill would also require local parking enforcement agencies to provide annual reports detailing the number of applications received to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) by March 1, 2024, and annually thereafter.


Several important laws have been enacted in recent years that offer relief for indigent persons from back parking fines. First, AB 503 (Lackey), Chapter 741, Statutes of 2017, stops the spiral of debt for an indigent person. Second, AB 2544 (Lackey), Chapter 494, Statutes of 2018, clarifies parking agencies have to offer payment plans for tickets issued prior to July 1, 2018. Third, AB 833 (Lackey), Chapter 495, Statutes of 2019, clarifies the \$300 maximum fee for which a parking agency had to offer a payment plan only applied to the base fines, not to late penalties. Finally, in 2020, the Legislature passed AB 3277 (Jones-Sawyer) Chapter 55, which increased the maximum amount an agency could offer a payment plan for to \$500.

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. For these reasons, this bill seems unnecessary.

AB 1685 imposes an unfunded mandate on cities and will create a loss in revenue generated by parking facilities. This funding is necessary to maintain these structures. Our City believes AB 1685 should be amended to provide funding from the state budget to backfill the lost revenue that local parking enforcement agencies will experience if they must waive back parking fines under this measure. For these reasons, we **OPPOSE AB 1685 UNLESS the bill is AMENDED** to provide this financial assistance to local jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lili Bosse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lili Bosse,
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Chair and Members, Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District
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