September 5, 2017

The Honorable Ricardo Lara  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in SUPPORT of AB 1408 (Calderon) which would enact vital reforms to the state’s parole program.

This bill would provide our Beverly Hills Police Department with more comprehensive information about offenders who are on post-release community supervision (PRCS). It also changes the criteria for parole in a manner that will enhance public safety for our community. Specifically, this bill would provide local law enforcement agencies copies of an inmate’s complete record of supervision during any period of parole, allowing them to better adjust to the changes created by realignment.

Additionally, AB 1408 (Calderon) will end the current policy of considering only the offender’s most recently committed offense. This bill will require the State Parole Board to consider the entire criminal history of the individual before making the determination to grant the inmate parole. This change is essential to developing a realistic assessment of a given individual’s recidivism risk as well as the risk they may pose to the public if released on parole.
Furthermore, this bill would limit the use of intermediate sanctions and prohibit the use of these sanctions for ex-offenders who have violated the terms of their PRCS for a third time. **AB 1408 (Calderon)** ensures that the PRCS program will not be abused by individuals who consistently break the rules of their supervision or commit new crimes.

The City of Beverly Hills has consistently supported legislation that seeks to prevent and reduce crimes in our community. **AB 1408 (Calderon)** successfully balances the rights and rehabilitation of the formerly incarcerated population with ensuring the public safety and wellbeing of our community.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills **SUPPORTS AB 1408 (Calderon)**. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Lili Bosse
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee
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