



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

March 29, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 408
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 231 (Hertzberg) Local government: fees and charges.
City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT

Dear Chair McGuire,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in SUPPORT of SB 231 (Hertzberg) and respectfully request your “AYE” vote when this bill is heard in your committee. This bill would provide cities, counties, and local water agencies broader authority to finance projects and manage stormwater.

The capture and careful management of stormwater is necessary now more than ever due to California’s continuing cycles of drought. Stormwater can be a key water supply, but it can also carry pollutants through sewers and other channels, often going straight to the ocean. Yet, current law limits local agencies in the type of infrastructure they can fund to manage storm and flood waters. Local governments often face limited funds and resources that are needed to manage water supplies and address water pollution in our communities.

We are doing our part at the local level, despite financial constraints. It is estimated that stormwater pollution costs the Los Angeles area economy more than \$26 million per year. The City of Beverly Hills has undertaken a public information and outreach program to educate residents and businesses in the City about their obligations under the Storm Water Management Program, which was established by a federal regulation to protect the environment and preserve the coastal water bodies.

SB 231 (Hertzberg) is an important step toward smarter management of stormwater as an integral part of both sewer and water systems. Specifically, the bill defines “sewer” to include storm drainage, clarifying that local governments may build projects necessary to manage and reuse stormwater. This bill will provide opportunities to access state and federal dollars that require local matching funds. Additionally, the bill maintains the strict transparency and accountability requirements in Proposition 218, which ensure that local fees be used only for the purposes for which they were collected and only in amounts necessary to meet local needs.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills SUPPORTS SB 231 (Hertzberg). Thank you for your consideration of this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lili Bosse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lili" and last name "Bosse" clearly distinguishable.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
 The Honorable Bob Hertzberg, 18th Senate District
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