

## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 5, 2017

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

RE: AB 1069 (Low) Local government: taxicab transportation services City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Lara:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I regretfully write to you in **OPPOSITION** to **AB 1069** (Low), which would alter the authority of cities to regulate taxicab service providers operating in our jurisdictions.

This bill would shift critical aspects of regulatory authority over taxicab service providers away from cities, splitting authority between cities and regional entities such as joint powers authorities, transit agencies, or countywide transportation agencies.

Currently, the City of Beverly Hills uses a franchise system to authorize and license taxicab companies to operate in our city. This system allows our city to establish operating standards and standardize fares. Regulation of taxicabs at the local level ensures a decision-making process that allows cities to address the unique needs of our residents and visitors, with an emphasis on public safety, customer service, and consumer protection. As proposed by **AB 1069 (Low)**, changing the regulatory structure that has worked well for years is unnecessary and erodes local control.

This bill would interfere with a proven system that meets the needs of our community. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully **OPPOSES AB 1069 (Low)**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Lili Bosse Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Appropriations Committee The Honorable Evan Low, 28th Assembly District The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.