

RESOLUTION NO. 18-R- 13182

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE (#17-0033) TO REPEAL SENATE BILL 1 – THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly has historically taken positions on proposed state legislation of interest to Beverly Hills; and

WHEREAS, state Senate Bill 1 (“SB 1”) – the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – enacted a variety of vehicle fuel taxes and fees to pay for the repairs and improvements to local roads, state highways, and public transportation as follows:

- Increased the gasoline excise tax by \$0.12 per gallon;
- Increased the diesel excise tax by \$0.20 per gallon;
- Increased diesel sales tax by 4% per gallon;
- Created a road improvement fee of \$100.00 per year for zero-emission vehicles;
- Created a transportation improvement fee based on the market value of the vehicle as follows:
 - \$25.00 per year for vehicles with a market value \$0 - \$4,999
 - \$50.00 per year for vehicles with a market value \$5,000 - \$24,999
 - \$100.00 per year for vehicles with a market value \$25,000 - \$34,999
 - \$150.00 per year for vehicles with a market value \$35,000 - \$59,999

- \$175.00 per year for vehicles with a market value \$60,000 and higher
- Specifies that the tax rates and fees established by SB 1 are to be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 is a regressive tax that disproportionately affects individuals in lower income brackets; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 does not offer a fair and unbiased solution for charging fees and taxes to repair and improve local roads, state highways, and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 does not offer a variety of broader and more equitable solutions for obtaining funding to repair and improve local roads, state highways, and public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot initiative will repeal SB 1 and the associated vehicle fuel taxes and fees to pay for the repairs and improvements to local roads, state highways, and public transportation; and

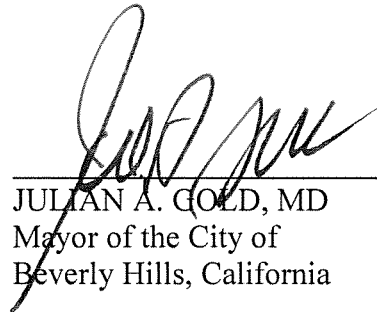
WHEREAS, the proposed ballot initiative will require the state legislature to submit any future measure enacting specified taxes or fees on gas or diesel fuel, or on the privilege to operate a vehicle on public highways, to the electorate for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Beverly Hills resolves as follows:

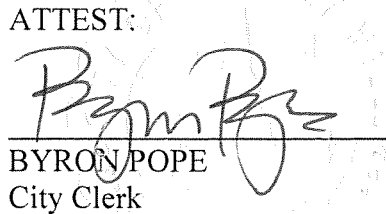
Section 1. The City of Beverly Hills supports the proposed ballot initiative (#17-0033) to repeal Senate Bill 1 - the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolution of the Council of this City.

Adopted: May 8, 2018




JULIAN A. GOLD, MD
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:
 (SEAL)


BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS CONTENT:



MAHDI ALUZRI
City Manager