CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

May 12, 2021

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
California State Assembly, 66th District
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1372 (Muratsuchi) – Right to Temporary Shelter
The City of Beverly Hills – Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Assemblmemeber Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to inform you that our City has adopted an Oppose Unless Amended position on AB 1372, your measure which would impose sweeping new mandates on local governments to provide shelter and services to the homeless and increased liability to local jurisdictions with no funding to carry out these functions.

Specifically, your measure would require every city, or every county in the case of unincorporated areas, to provide every person who is homeless with temporary shelter, mental health treatment, resources for job placement, and job training until the person obtains permanent housing if the person has actively sought temporary shelter in the jurisdiction for at least 3 consecutive days and has been unable to gain entry into all temporary shelters they sought for specified reasons.

AB 1372 would also require the city or county to provide a rent subsidy, if it is unable to provide temporary shelter. This measure would also authorize a person who is homeless to enforce the bill’s provisions by bringing a civil action.

While well-intentioned, this legislation is incomplete. The bill would impose massive new mandates while failing to provide financial resources to carry out these requirements. We respectfully request that AB 1372 be amended to make the bill’s requirements contingent on an equally scaled appropriation of state funding to local governments for this purpose.
For these reasons, we have adopted an oppose unless amended position on your AB 1372. We look forward to working with your office on amendments to this legislation.

Sincerely,

Robert Wunderlich
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Cc: The Honorable David Chiu, Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
    Members and Consultants Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
    The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th Senate District
    The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblyman 50th District
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