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## Beverly Hills Responds to New Study on Earthquake Fault Zones City is Reviewing California Geological Survey

*Beverly Hills, Calif.* – The City of Beverly Hills is currently reviewing a revised study released by the California Geological Survey (CGS) showing a possible earthquake fault zone extending into Beverly Hills. According to the study, the Santa Monica Fault Zone could extend eastward through Century City, through Beverly Hills parallel to Santa Monica Boulevard to the border of the City of West Hollywood. The City will be contesting the findings.

Because of the prevalence of earthquake faults in the region, the City of Beverly Hills is always implementing proactive mitigation measures. For example, since 2014, all new commercial and multi-family construction must include a seismic study to determine if faults lie underneath the property.

The City is constantly educating City employees, residents and businesses on how to prepare for and respond to a disaster. Community members need to always be prepared by obtaining supplies, creating an emergency plan and staying informed. For information on how to prepare for an emergency, go to <a href="http://www.beverlyhills.org/emergencypreparedness">http://www.beverlyhills.org/emergencypreparedness</a>.

"Safety and resiliency in a disaster is one of the City's highest priorities," said Mayor Lili Bosse. "The entire region is an active earthquake zone. We should always be prepared!"

For additional information on the CGS study, contact 310-285-1119 (Building/Safety) or emergency preparedness 310-285-1014 (City Manager's Office).

Residents and business representatives should sign up for the City's emergency alerts by going to <u>www.beverlyhills.org/emergencynotification</u>. For Nixle alerts, please text "BEVHILLS" and "BEVHILLSPD" to 888777 to receive text messages.

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