



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold, M.D., Mayor

July 12, 2023

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Safety
State Capitol, Room 126
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 602 (Archuleta) Trespass
City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Jones-Sawyer:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, we write in strong SUPPORT of SB 602 (Archuleta), which would extend the operative timeframe for trespass letters of authorization and require these letters to be notarized and submitted electronically.

This proposed legislation would be incredibly beneficial to cities like ours. Currently, obtaining Letters of Agency from absentee property owners monthly can be challenging and time-consuming, draining valuable staff resources which could be better utilized serving our community.

Extending the operative timeframe for trespass letters of authorization from 30 days to 12 months, or a time determined by local ordinance, for properties where there is a fire hazard or the owner is absent, would significantly streamline this process. Furthermore, lengthening the operative timeframe from 12 months to three years for properties closed to the public and posted as being closed to the public, would greatly enhance our ability to manage and enforce trespass laws on these properties.

We also appreciate the bill's provision for electronic submission of these letters. While our City currently accepts electronic letters of authorization, having this practice explicitly stated in law would provide clarity and encourage uniform adoption across all jurisdictions.

We understand the concerns raised about the potential impacts on individuals with unstable housing. However, we believe this legislation is necessary to enhance public safety and manage public nuisance issues effectively. It is our responsibility as a city to ensure the safety and cleanliness of our community, and this bill would significantly assist in these efforts. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills SUPPORTS SB 602 (Archuleta).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian A. Gold', written in a cursive style.

Julian A. Gold, M.D.
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Bob Archuleta, Senator, 30th District
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 24th District
The Honorable Rick Zbur, Assemblymember, 51st District
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