



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

October 6, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 477 (Wiener) General plan: annual report
City of Beverly Hills – REQUEST FOR VETO

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to SB 477 (Wiener) and request you VETO this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill requires cities and counties to submit additional detailed information on housing development projects in annual progress reports (APRs) submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The bill also authorizes HCD to assess the accuracy of information submitted as part of the APR and require local planning agencies to correct any inaccurate information.

Cities and counties must prepare a general plan comprised of seven mandatory elements, including a housing element that includes identifying existing and projected housing needs. The housing element must consist of an inventory of land suitable for residential development, which is used to identify sites that can be developed for housing within the planning period sufficient to meet the regional housing needs for all income levels.

SB 477 would impose an unnecessary burden on local planning agencies by requiring them to collect and report additional data to meet the bill's provisions. The current need for housing production already impacts these planning departments. Additionally, this bill increases the workloads of planning departments, which are already working at maximum capacity to approve

numerous projects every year. These same departments are also under constant pressure to learn new approval processes for developments nearly every year as the state legislature continually attempts to make many processes either ministerial or removed from our normal local planning and approval process.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully OPPOSE SB 477 (Wiener) and request you VETO this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Wunderlich".

Robert Wunderlich, Mayor
City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener, 11th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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