



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold, M.D., Mayor

September 18, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O. St, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 423 (Wiener) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments
City of Beverly Hills – Request for Veto

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to respectfully **request your VETO on SB 423 (Wiener)**, which seeks to expand SB 35 (Chapters 366, Statutes of 2017) and eliminate its sunset date of January 1, 2026. This would strip local governments of important, longstanding authorities to maintain oversight and approval processes of infill developments.

Beverly Hills is a unique city with a strong sense of community and a deep appreciation for its single-family neighborhoods. We are deeply concerned this bill would have a negative impact on the character and quality of life in our city. Eliminating single-family zoning would lead to overcrowding in our neighborhoods, increasing traffic and parking problems and straining resources such as water and electricity.

Furthermore, the proposed streamlined approval process in this bill would bypass important environmental and community protections, such as environmental impact reports, community engagement, and public hearings. This lack of transparency and accountability could lead to inappropriate and harmful development.

The City of Beverly Hills has long supported the preservation of local control, as localities are best suited to aptly address the needs of local constituents. The “streamlined” approach in **SB 423 (Wiener)** would limit public input, and public engagement often leads to better projects. This proposal pre-empts local discretionary land use authority and prevents municipalities like ours from best serving our communities.

For these reasons the City of Beverly Hills respectfully **opposes SB 423 (Wiener) and requests your veto on this legislation.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian A. Gold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julian" being the most prominent part.

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

cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener, Senator 11th District
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator 24th District
The Honorable Rick Zbur, Assemblymember, 51st District
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