



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lester J. Friedman, Mayor

March 30, 2021

The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate, District 26
State Capitol, Room 4076
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 590 (Allen) - 2022 statewide primary election: terms of office
City of Beverly Hills – Support

Dear Senator Allen,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to inform you of our City's Support position on SB 590, your measure which would extend the duration of any term of office that is currently set to expire in March or April 2022 until the certification of election results from the June 7, 2022, statewide primary election and the administration of the oath of office to the newly elected officeholder(s).

Under the California Voter Participation Act of 2015, general law cities, among other political subdivisions, must hold their elections on a statewide election date. To comply, several cities changed their election dates from March of odd-numbered years to March of even-numbered years, beginning with the March 2020 election. Some councilmembers elected in March 2017 had their terms extended for 12 months and will now expire in March 2022. However, 12 months is the maximum term extension allowed under current law (Section 10403.5(b) of the California Elections Code).

Without corrective legislation, the City of Beverly Hills, and other jurisdictions, will have councilmembers whose terms are set to expire according to existing law before the next election for their council can occur. Beverly Hills cannot adjust its council term to conform to a June 2022 election as the City already changed its City Council terms by 12 months. To align with the California Voter Participation Act of 2015.

SB 590 will help our City and others in a similar position maintain continuity of leadership. This bill will clarify that the terms of local officials will align with the new timeline for the state primary election in 2022. For these reasons, we strongly Support SB 590.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester J. Friedman", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Lester J. Friedman
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

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