



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: AB 773 (Nazarian) Street closures and designations
City of Beverly Hills – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to write to you **SUPPORT of AB 773 (Nazarian)** and respectfully request that you sign this measure into law when it reaches your desk. **AB 773** would authorize local jurisdictions to create permanent “slow streets” programs, which prioritize community needs on local streets. Additionally it will create more open space for recreation, biking, and walking by restricting through traffic in neighborhoods.

In 2020, after Governor Newsom issued a stay-at-home emergency order for California, and required social distancing measures to protect residents from COVID-19, many cities moved to implement temporary slow streets programs to facilitate alternative mobility options and increase outdoor activity. These programs allow communities to repurpose streets to provide safe recreational spaces close to homes and in-line with public health priorities.

Under current law, slow streets programs must be temporary. However, due to the overwhelming demand for the installations, a permanent program would allow cities to develop a plan to reach more residents while still prioritizing their safety. Furthermore, restricting vehicle access, which requires authorization from the California Vehicle Code, would calm neighborhood-level traffic and improve safety.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you take action to **SIGN AB 773 (Nazarian)** into law. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Wunderlich

Robert Wunderlich, Mayor
City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Adrin Nazarian, 46th Assembly District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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