



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Julian A. Gold, M.D., Mayor

September 13, 2023

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

Re: SB 58 (Wiener) – Controlled Substances: Decriminalization of Certain  
Hallucinogenic Substances  
**City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful **OPPOSITION** to **SB 58 (Wiener)** which would make lawful the possession for personal use, as described, and the social sharing, of psilocybin, psilocyn, dimethyltryptamine (DMT), ibogaine, mescaline, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), ketamine, and 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), by and with persons 21 years of age or older. **I respectfully request your veto on this legislation.**

**SB 58**, like its predecessor SB 519 (Wiener), poses a clear and present danger to public safety. This bill would legalize the use of several addictive and dangerous illicit drugs. These drugs pose a threat to public safety as they alter the relationship between the user and reality. While under the influence of these drugs, the ability of the user to maintain control of their mental faculties is greatly diminished, placing themselves and those around them at significant risk for physical harm.

Aside from the risks posed to individuals and the public from using these dangerous drugs, this bill further erodes public safety by removing the criminal disincentive from using these drugs. By removing the criminal penalties for possessing and using these dangerous drugs, this bill increases the likelihood of their use. When looking to purchase these drugs, individuals may potentially engage in commercial drug activity with a criminal element and face further danger from purchasing these substances, which are often adulterated with other more lethal substances.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully **OPPOSE SB 58 (Wiener) and request your veto on the bill.** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian A. Gold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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

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