



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

September 30, 2021

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

Re: AB 1126 (Bloom) Commission on the State of Hate
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 in SUPPORT of AB 1126 (Bloom) and respectfully request you SIGN this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill which establishes the Commission on the State of Hate, which would provide resources to various state agencies and the public to inform them on the state of hate, and advise the Legislature, the Governor, and state agencies on policy recommendations to promote intersocial education designed to foster mutual respect and understanding among California's diverse population.

In the last few years, there has been a disturbing rise of hate crimes, especially violent hate crimes, in this state and in this country. According to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism's 2020 Report to the Nation, hate crime totals for 2019 hit their highest level in over a decade, with 7,314 hate crime "incidents" reported. In 2020, anti-Asian hate crimes alone surged by 149 percent. Tragically, these hate crimes are becoming more violent and more deadly with recorded increases in hate related homicides and violent assaults.

Currently, the state's Attorney General is already required, subject to the availability of adequate funding, to direct local law enforcement agencies to report hate crime data to the Department of Justice, which must be

compiled and made public. AB 1126 (Bloom) would establish the Commission on the State of Hate to fill the gaps in current hate crime reporting by working with community and academic partners to improve hate crime and hate incident reporting to help the commission identify trends in California.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT AB 1126 (Bloom) and requests your SIGNATURE on this measure. 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 Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange