



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

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The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
California State Assembly, 45th District
State Capitol, Room 4117
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1053 (Gabriel) LA City selection committees: quorum: teleconferencing
City of Beverly Hills – Support

Dear Asm. Gabriel:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to inform you of our SUPPORT position for your AB 1053, which would modernize the City Selection voting and quorum process in Los Angeles County by allowing meetings to be conducted by teleconferencing and electronic means, provided that all other applicable protocols are followed.

AB 1053 would also allow the quorum for each subsequent meeting to be lowered to one-third of all member cities within a county if the agenda is limited to only those items that appeared on the immediately preceding agenda where a quorum was not established.

City Selection Committees make appointments to key boards and commissions in each county. In large counties like Los Angeles, the City Selection Committee has 88 different member cities, creating logistical challenges for city officials trying to get to meetings across the county during peak rush hours. This results in key appointments remaining vacant or the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee being unable to conduct elections for open positions when a quorum is not present.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order 29-20 in March 2020. This Executive Order authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all public members seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body or state body.

Since moving its operations to teleconference meetings, the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee has been able to obtain a quorum and fill key appointments. Making these changes permanent under AB 1053 helps ensure that boards and commission appointments continue to be filled and represented for the public good.

It is for these reasons that we are pleased to SUPPORT your AB 1053.

Sincerely,



Robert Wunderlich

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

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