



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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**Lester J. Friedman, Mayor**

January 12, 2021

The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom  
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Offer of assistance with Covid-19 vaccine roll out**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the entire City Council, I am writing to offer any type of assistance that the City of Beverly Hills can provide to assist with the successful roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine. We were heartened to hear this past Friday that you have vowed to vaccinate an additional 1 million Californians against Covid-19 over the next week. However, out of the 2.1 million doses of vaccine that are already available in California, only about one third have been administered to frontline healthcare workers and residents at nursing homes (Tier 1A). There have also been recent news stories about some of the challenges with rolling out the vaccine, e.g. people getting the vaccine who are not in Tier 1A, doses going to waste, etc. These stories lead people to believe that government is not moving quickly enough to make sure that the State's Distribution Goals and Objectives are being met.

As you may know, Beverly Hills is situated to provide immediate assistance. The City's Fire Department incorporates two levels of clinical practitioners who are able to administer vaccinations; Firefighter Paramedics under the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services' approved Local Scope of Practice and Nurse Practitioners through the Department's innovative and robust Nurse Practitioner program. Given such, the Fire Department has the ability to vaccinate many within in the City. However, the current Tiers of vaccination order constrain the Fire Department from extending rapidly into Tiers 2 and 3.

As a result, the City wishes to request more permissible guidelines in the event higher Tier recipients are exhausted or unavailable, the City, in good faith, may move down to lower Tiers, 2 & 3, and vaccinates said persons therein.

We want to assure you that the City of Beverly Hills stands ready to be an active participant in making sure the vaccine gets rolled out as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please let us know how we may assist in being a part of the solution to roll out the Covid-19 vaccine.

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: Erica Pan, MD, MPH, Acting State Health Officer Community Vaccine Advisory Committee,  
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