

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Suzette Martinez Valladares 1021 O St., Suite 4330 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1847 (Valladares) – Criminal procedure: victims' rights.

City of Beverly Hills – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Valladares,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to inform you of our SUPPORT position for your measure AB 1847, which requires the court to hold a hearing on resentencing if the victim wishes to be heard and expands the opportunity for the victim and their family members to attend a parole hearing.

Existing law requires any person, other than the victim, who is entitled to attend a parole hearing and intends to do so, to provide at least 30 days' notice to Board of Parole Hearings of their intent to attend the hearing. Last year, the Department of Corrections approved regulations that require victims to provide at least 15 days' notice whether they will participate in person or remotely. If the victim's family members, representative, counsel, and support person would like to participate in person or remotely they must provide at least 30 days' notice. These new regulations by the Department of Corrections impose unreasonable requirements for crime victims and their families.

AB 1847 will help ensure that a crime victim's family, representative, council, or victim's support persons can attend their parole hearing by allowing them to provide notice up to 15 days prior to the hearing to the Department of Corrections rather than 30 days. This gives the crime victim and their family more time to carefully consider if they wish to attend the hearing to provide information to the court. Additionally, this bill would require that the court hold a hearing when a defendant is eligible for resentencing.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills is pleased to SUPPORT your AB 1847. Thank you for authoring this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Lili Bósse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

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Cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District

The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District

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