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September 20, 2017

Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**RE: AB 210 (Santiago) Homeless Multidisciplinary Personnel Team-
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

The City of West Hollywood supports AB 210 (Santiago) Homeless Multidisciplinary Personnel Team that would improve coordination of services and strengthen continuity of care for the state's homeless population through data sharing. AB 210 is on your desk awaiting consideration.

Currently there is no statutory authority for county departments and homeless service providers to share data on homeless families or single adults. AB 210 is important in helping to facilitate the identification, assessment, and linkage of homeless people to the most appropriate housing and supportive services.

Addressing homelessness remains one of the City of West Hollywood's top priorities. Although only 1.9 square miles with approximately 35,000 residents, the "point-in-time" count conducted in 2016 by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) showed almost a doubling of the number of homeless individuals in the City of West Hollywood.

The City of West Hollywood is committed to providing social services to meet the needs of its community members and to improve the quality of life for its residents. The City launched an innovative Homeless Initiative that is helping reach homeless people in the community and connect them to services. The Initiative seeks to effectively address homelessness with a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency, collaborative response. In October 2016, the City of West Hollywood began a program to provide on-site outreach and services at West Hollywood Library for people in the community who are homeless. The program is a strategic collaboration that includes the County of Los Angeles Public Library and the City of West Hollywood's contracted social services provider organizations: Ascencia, Step Up on Second (which is a multi-disciplinary team), the Los Angeles LGBT Center, Safe Refuge, Friends Community Center, and Tarzana Treatment Centers.

Data sharing as proposed in AB 210 will facilitate communication and coordination not only for the City's collaboration effort, but also among county agencies, the 88 cities in Los Angeles County, and the county's service providers to better assist homeless individuals and families in identifying and accessing appropriate services.

The City of West Hollywood urges your signature on AB 210.

Respectfully,

John Heilman
MAYOR

Cc: Hon Miguel Santiago, AD 53
Hon Benjamin Allen, SD 26
Hon Richard Bloom, AD 50

