



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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**Lili Bosse, Mayor**

April 4, 2023

The Honorable Aisha Wahab  
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 2200  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 58 (Wiener) – Controlled Substances: Decriminalization of Certain Hallucinogenic Substances - **City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Wahab:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful **OPPOSITION** to **SB 58** (Wiener), which would make lawful the possession of psilocybin, psilocyn, dimethyltryptamine (DMT), ibogaine, and mescaline for personal use by people 21 years of age or older.

**SB 58**, like its predecessor SB 519 (Wiener, 2021), poses a clear and present danger to public safety. This bill would legalize the use of several addictive and dangerous illicit drugs. These drugs pose a threat to public safety as they alter the relationship between the user and reality. While under the influence of these drugs, the ability of the user to maintain control of their mental faculties is greatly diminished, placing themselves and those around them at significant risk for physical harm.

Aside from the risks posed to individuals and the public from using these dangerous drugs, this bill further erodes public safety by removing the criminal disincentive from using these drugs. By removing the criminal penalties for possessing and using these dangerous drugs, this bill increases the likelihood of their use and the likelihood that individuals will seek them out in the drug market. Individuals also face further danger from purchasing these substances, which are often adulterated with other more lethal substances.

Finally, it is often the most vulnerable populations, and those who have the weakest support systems, that are most susceptible to the increased access and use of drugs. In a time when every jurisdiction should be working together to aid our most vulnerable populations, **SB 58** will make it more difficult for them to escape the cycle of hallucinogenic substance use which frequently occurs in these areas.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully **OPPOSE SB 58**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lili Bosse  
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

**Cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener, Senator, 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Senators and Consultants, Senate Public Safety Committee  
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 24<sup>th</sup> District  
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