



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

August 18, 2022

The Honorable Josh Becker
Senator, 13th District
1021 O. St, Suite 7250
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1000 (Becker) Law enforcement agencies: radio communications.
City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Becker,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to inform you of our respectful **OPPOSITION** to SB 1000, your measure to require law enforcement agencies in the state to ensure any non-confidential radio communications are accessible to the public, no later than January 1, 2024.

SB 1000 instead would propose that all law enforcement radio communications be available to the public while also ensuring that any criminal justice information (CJI) or personal identifiable information (PII) is not broadcasted in a manner accessible to the public. The bill further would require law enforcement agencies to provide access to encrypted communications to any interested person, upon request and for a reasonable fee.

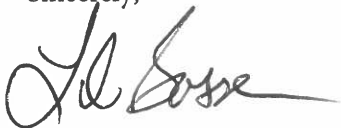
In October 2020, the State Department of Justice (DOJ) sent a bulletin to all law enforcement agencies regarding radio encryption. This bulletin stemmed from an order by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to restrict all CJI and PII to authorized personnel. The bulletin established an encryption mandate for all transmission of such information and provided agencies two options: 1) move to full encryption of radio communications, or 2) establish a policy to restrict dissemination of CJI and PII, or data elements that meet those definitions.

To comply with the DOJ bulletin, many law enforcement agencies in California were required to upgrade their radio systems, at a cost millions of dollars, even for smaller agencies. SB 1000 would establish a general default to unencrypted radio communications. This would represent a significant burden to agencies that went to tremendous expense to obtain new technology or have previously encrypted their communications. Additionally, to switch back to unencrypted radio communications will require costly and time-consuming training to protect CJI and PII.

We are concerned that the infrastructure necessary to create the changes mandated by SB 1000 will prove to be costly and complicated. To make these radio communications available to the public, law enforcement agencies would be forced to replace the technology they currently use for encrypted radio communications. As the systems are replaced, operators would require additional training in the use of these new technologies. This new mandate would be burdensome to agencies who have gone to great lengths and considerable expense to develop these encrypted radio communication systems to be what they are today.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully OPPOSE SB 1000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lili Bosse", written in a cursive style.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District
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