



# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

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September 22, 2017

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

Dear Governor Brown:

**RE: SB 611 (Hill) Disabled Person Parking Placard Program –  
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

The City of West Hollywood supports SB 611 (Hill) that would reform the disabled person parking placard program. The West Hollywood City Council unanimously adopted Resolution #17-4980 in support of SB 611. The resolution is attached. SB 611 is on your desk awaiting consideration.

The recent state audit of the disabled person placard program identified multiple problems and ongoing abuses in the program. It is clear that oversight of the program and some reforms are needed in order to assure its integrity.

SB 611 seeks to implement some of the recommendations in the audit report: ensuring the availability of accessible parking for those who need it, making placard fraud more difficult, and establishing procedures for proper vehicle code enforcement by the Department of Motor Vehicles. These reforms will greatly benefit disabled West Hollywood community members.

Accessibility and mobility for the disabled members of its community is a priority for the City of West Hollywood. Services such as Dial-A-Ride, which is curb-to-curb transportation for residents aged 62 and older and all disabled residents, are provided for free to the community. Additionally, the City also regularly receives reports from its Disabilities Advisory Board (DAB) regarding a variety of accessibility issues, and collaborates with the DAB to recognize Disability Awareness Month each October.

The City of West Hollywood urges your signature on SB 611.

Respectfully,

John Heilman  
**MAYOR**

Cc: Hon Jerry Hill, SD 13  
Hon Benjamin Allen, SD 26  
Hon Richard Bloom, AD 50



RESOLUTION NO. 17-4980

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB  
611 (HILL) REFORMS TO DISABLED PERSON  
PARKING PLACARD PROGRAM

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES  
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the California Department of Motor Vehicle has failed to adequately prevent fraud and abuse within the Disabled Person Parking Placard program; and

WHEREAS, currently, the incidence of placard misuse is unduly high, and the Department of Motor Vehicles lacks both the procedural and enforcement mechanisms to address this problem; and

WHEREAS, increased fraud prevention will ensure that those who have the highest need for disabled person parking will have access; and

WHEREAS, SB 611 seeks to address these problems by changing the application requirements and ensuring proper procedures for cancelling permits; and

WHEREAS, SB 611 will require disabled parking placard program applicants to provide documents establishing his or her true full name and date of birth and will require the DMV to conduct a quarterly random audit of applications submitted for these plates or placards and to seek the assistance of the Medical Board of California or the appropriate regulatory boards in conducting the audits; and

WHEREAS, SB 611 also requires the DMV to send renewal forms to placard-holders every 6 years, and prohibits the DMV from issuing more than 4 substitute placards in a 2-year period without receiving new certification of disability; and

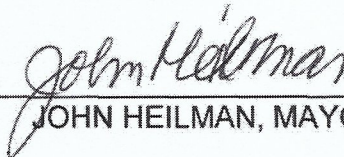
WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has a legacy of providing services and ensuring accessibility for residents of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, SB 611 will decrease the number of fraudulent disabled person parking placards, without adversely affecting the disability community and will provide a benefit to disabled City of West Hollywood residents and visitors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood supports SB 611 (Hill and Allen) in the interest of preventing fraud and increasing parking access for the disabled community.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

  
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JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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VONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK