



NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

July 2022

Advocating on Assembly Bill 988

Dear State Senator Hertzberg,

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council (NHNENC) supports Assembly Bill 988. We write to you today advocating for this bill on behalf of California implementing the federal National Suicide Hotline Designation Act.

Assembly Bill 988

The NHNENC supports the existence of a phone number that individuals can call for instant assistance with mental health emergencies. The Council also supports that AB 988 would allow 988 planners to thoughtfully scale existing crisis services to expand statewide and that it would fund 24/7 access to crisis counseling along with trained mobile response teams.

The NHNENC firmly values the importance of mental healthcare. The NHNENC also believes citizens need ways to get care that do not lead to disastrous consequences, as they did with Miles Hall, a mentally ill 23-year-old Black man who struggled with mental illness for years and was killed by Walnut Creek police in 2019 while he was suffering a schizophrenic episode. The NHNENC supports AB 988 because it will help to make sure that such a tragedy never occurs again.

The NHNENC recognizes the victory of AB 988 in the Assembly on a 70-0 vote and that it recently passed its first Senate policy hearing 12-0. We ask that you continue to shepard the bill

through the Senate, so that California at large and our home neighborhood specifically may be a caring haven for those who are suffering from mental health conditions, episodes, and stress.

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Sincerely,
North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

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Council President
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