



City of Upland

Mayor's Office

May 26, 2026

The Honorable Nick Schultz
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5150
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1546 (Schultz) Vehicles: driving under the influence
City of Upland – Notice of Support**

Dear Assemblymember Schultz,

I write to you on behalf of the City of Upland to express the City's support for AB 1546, which strengthens California's approach to addressing repeat driving under the influence (DUI) offenses through enhanced accountability and preventative measures.

AB 1546 responds to the persistent and well-documented risks posed by repeat DUI offenders. The bill increases penalties for individuals with multiple prior convictions, expands the use and duration of ignition interlock device (IID) requirements, and provides courts with additional tools to address high-risk behavior. By elevating certain repeat offenses to more serious categories and extending license consequences, the bill reinforces the seriousness of impaired driving and the need for sustained intervention.

Importantly, the bill combines enforcement with prevention. IID requirements help reduce recidivism by preventing a vehicle from operating when a driver has been drinking. Expanding these requirements for repeat offenders strengthens accountability while helping reduce the likelihood of future incidents.

From a local government perspective, the impacts of DUI offenses are immediate and far-reaching. Cities bear the burden of emergency response, law enforcement, roadway safety management, and the long-term consequences of collisions involving impaired drivers. Strengthening state law to address repeat offenders supports local efforts to reduce injuries and fatalities and promotes safer conditions for all road users in Upland and throughout California.

AB 1546 reflects a balanced and data-driven approach to public safety, one that recognizes both the need for accountability and the importance of preventative measures. By targeting repeat offenders and reinforcing effective interventions, the bill advances California's ongoing commitment to reducing impaired driving and protecting the safety of our communities.

For these reasons, the City of Upland respectfully supports AB 1546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Velto", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bill Velto,
Mayor, City of Upland