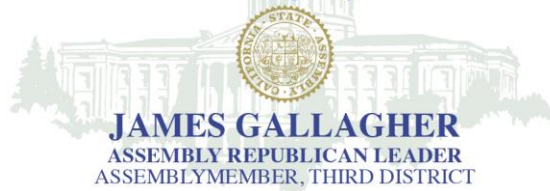


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August 4, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
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RE: RECOMMENDED VETO OF SB 57 (WIENER)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully request a veto of Senate Bill 57, which passed the Assembly on 6/30/2022 by a vote of 42 to 29, with 18 members of the Assembly Republican Caucus voting "No."

SB 57 would allow the City and County of San Francisco, the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and the City of Oakland to allow people to engage in the criminal act of using illegal drugs under supervision in so-called "safe injection sites."

Allowing citizens to engage in unlawful drug-use under the guise of overdose prevention does nothing to solve the increasing drug problem many in our state are facing. There is no requirement that these participants seek drug treatment or help. This measure puts the public at greater risk after these participants leave the facility high on drugs. With record crime rates and overdoses in our state this measure will only exacerbate the rapid decline of the California dream.

Enabling people to keep using highly addictive and dangerous street drugs such as fentanyl is not compassionate. Ensuring those suffering from addiction obtain treatment is a better way, but SB 57 fails to include such a remedy.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you veto Senate Bill 57.

Sincerely,

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

James Gallagher
Assembly Republican Leader