



August 20, 2018

Senator Robert M. Herzberg
State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

RE: Hollywood NOW withdraws support for SB 10

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

This letter is to inform you that the Hollywood Chapter for the National Organization for Women (Hollywood NOW) is withdrawing our support from Senate Bill 10 (Hertzberg), in its current form. As members of a grassroots coalition of organizations, we share the concerns of our colleagues at Stonewall Democratic Club, Bend the Arc Jewish Action, NCJW|LA, Essie Justice Group, Silicon Valley Debug, and other community partners, who believe that new amendments to the bill have taken us away from the genuine bail reform we sought, and have moved us towards a new system of detention that will continue to entrench racial and socioeconomic disparities the bill was initially intended to remedy. Therefore, we oppose SB 10.

Hollywood NOW is a membership organization committed to institutionalizing intersectional gender equity. Our work transgresses over social boundaries and walls built to imprint, reinforce and protect implicit stereotype biases that damage all of us. As a progressive, intersectional feminist organization we advocate for solutions that recognize that individuals face multiple intersecting discriminations/privileges based on race, sex, gender, sexuality and other statuses. We stand to work to eliminate institutional privilege, discrimination, and bias.

Unfortunately, the final version of SB 10 has become nearly unrecognizable from its original form, creating a presumption of detention and expanding the use of risk assessment tools that may be vulnerable to bias. For these reasons, we withdraw our support for this bill. We look forward to supporting future opportunities to eliminate money bail and lessening reliance on pre-trial detention.

Sincerely,

John Erickson
President
Hollywood NOW