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**MOTION**

Sober Living Homes (alcohol and drug free houses) were intended to provide a supportive environment for people who are recovering from alcohol or drug addiction. These homes provide shelter for individuals who are transitioning between rehabilitation programs and permanent housing. They are often located in single family houses within single family residential zones.

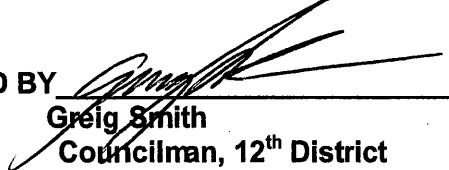
Similar to other cities in the state, it would behoove the City of Los Angeles to define and implement land use regulatory controls in the Municipal Code for Sober Living Homes to prevent an over concentration of this use on a street or in a neighborhood. The cities of Murrieta, CA and Riverside, CA have enacted sober living ordinances, and therefore, this use can be regulated via the land use process. As such, the City of Los Angeles should enact our own ordinance.

Currently, no state or local license or land use permit is required for a Sober Living Home to open in a single family zone in the city. There are no distance requirements as to the location of sober living homes from each other. A Sober Living Home is only required to conform to the same regulations as any other dwelling unit in that zone. However, rather than living and occupying the entire house, each resident rents a room or sometimes just a bed in a shared room in the house, much like that of a boarding house rental experience. In turn, this can lead to an over concentration of Sober Living Homes on a street or in a neighborhood, and have detrimental impacts to its quality of life.

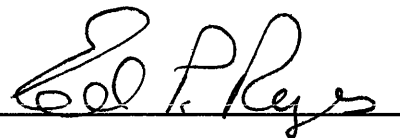
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Planning Department, to prepare a report within 45 days outlining the Sober Living Homes regulatory ordinances enacted by the City of Murrieta, CA and Riverside, CA, and those of any other cities.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Planning Department and the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the City Attorney, provide land use control recommendations as part of the requested report, that can be enacted citywide to regulate Sober Living Homes.

PRESENTED BY

  
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SECONDED BY



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