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Councilmember Ed Reyes, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 410
Los Angeles, California 90012

Case No: CPC-2009-800-CA
CEQA: ENV-2009-801-ND
Council File No: 11-0262
Re: **Community Care Facility Ordinance**

Honorable Councilmember Reyes:

Amy Brothers, Deputy City Attorney completed the final draft of the proposed Community Care Facility Ordinance, September 13, 2011. Four months have now elapsed! It appears that the passage of this long awaited legislation has been needlessly stalled and stonewalled. Communities across the entire City of Los Angeles are anxiously awaiting the enactment of this ordinance that is long overdue. Residents within the community of Old Granada Hills have spent more than four years battling illegal group houses in our residential neighborhoods. Surprisingly, LAPD officials recently informed the community that there are currently 45 boarding houses operating within Devonshire Division. Virtually all of these are operating illegally and will continue to do so because of our outdated and vague zoning codes. Safety and enforcement officials are also looking forward to the enactment of the CCFO as well. On multiple occasions they have stated "without this ordinance, we simply cannot help you. The current laws are so vague and contradictory that any kind enforcement is nearly impossible".

How much longer must we endure the non-stop threats to our safety and wellbeing?

How much longer will these illegally operating group houses be allowed to decimate our communities, while year after year, the city of Los Angeles continues to delay the passage of this ordinance?

Other nearby municipalities have ordinances in place that protect their citizens. Don't the citizens of the City of Los Angeles deserve the same? Serious threats are facing the residents of this city. We need this ordinance! Without it we are left completely unprotected. Therefore, Councilmember Reyes, I strongly urge you to take immediate action and move this critical measure forward so that it will be passed and enacted.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Buehler