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The Honorable Members of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Proposed "rooming house" ordinance

Dear Council Members;

I am the CEO of CSTL Inc., (known as Clean & Sober Living) in Fair Oaks, CA. We have been in the addiction field for over 22 years and have not negatively affected the Fair Oaks community. In fact, we are a valuable resource and contribute to the community in more ways than I could list in a single letter.

The proposed Ordinance Council File 11-0262, CPC-2009-800-CA (referred to as the rooming house ordinance) is clearly a violation of the Americans with Disability and the Fair Housing Acts. I humbly ask that you reconsider before you throw the baby out with the bath water. I understand and care about your issues of bad neighbors but affecting the whole field is not the answer. The people sober livings and treatment programs serve are people whose substance is no longer working for them and they and their family need assistance. Your ordinance will affect others as well such as students, ethnic groups, elderly and a multitude of intentional communities that the city will be required to address in order not to appear discriminatory.

I am convinced that this ordinance will not be implemented without legal challenges affecting the financial health of the City of Los Angeles. How is it working out for Newport Beach? How will HUD funding to the city be affected?

I fear a potential homeless problem that will take people out of homes and put more people on the street. We are in a recession where living together is the only option for many people. Desperate people on the streets cause more crime than grateful people in houses. With the realignment happening Los Angeles could be flooded with ex-convicts seeking a place to live. Where will they go?

Please reconsider the ordinance and we can continue to try to find a solution that will benefit everyone.

Respectfully yours,



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