

Planning

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**January Houses**

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November 1, 2011

Los Angeles City Council  
c/o City Clerk, Room 395  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012-4801

Dear Councilmembers:

**Re: Community Care Facilities Ordinance; Council File No. 11-0262**

I am writing to urge you to oppose the above referenced ordinance. Central Valley Recovery Services, Inc. has been in operation since May 1971, currently with 4 residential programs, 4 transitional living programs, 2 facilities providing detox services, outpatient, perinatal outpatient, Drug Court, aftercare and family services. This ordinance will severely limit low cost inpatient treatment options by placing unreasonable restrictions on occupancy limits, ignoring state licensed capacity.

Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 57.33.05, states "No manager or person in control of any assembly occupancy or premises shall allow an overcrowded condition to exist in that assembly occupancy or premises," as defined in Table No. 33-A, entitled "Occupant Load and Minimum Exit Requirements According to Use of Occupancy." This table does not list occupancy standards for treatment centers, but requires a minimum of 80 square feet of floor space per occupant for "Hospitals, Sanitariums and Nursing Homes" and at least 50 square feet for "Dormitories". Either of these limits appears reasonable (50 or 80 square feet per person), and would likely not conflict with existing state licensed capacity of other occupancy standard laws.

The parolee/probationer provisions apply to "any residential structure," apparently including licensed treatment programs. Drug and alcohol treatment is often mandated by the law. Limiting state licensed treatment to no more than two people under criminal justice supervision would effectively eliminate the best evidence based method for improving public

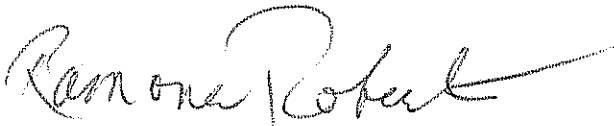
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Safety. State licensed treatment programs should be specifically exempted from these provisions.

We are not aware of any complaints about licensed facilities warranting more regulation. We understand the desire to maintain the quality of life in neighborhoods and appreciate recognition as public benefits with the ability to site by right with performance standards. However, unless and until these and other issues are addressed, we urge you to oppose this ordinance. Other provisions adversely affecting group housing for the disabled should be investigated to ensure sound policy for our most vulnerable populations.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramona Robertson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ramona Robertson  
Executive Director

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