

TARZANA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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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

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

The Tarzana Property Owners Association strongly support the proposed Community Care Facility Ordinance and commends the Planning Department, the City Planning Commission, and the City Attorney's office for their efforts to resolve the issues that many individuals and organizations raised concerning prior versions. Several versions of the ordinance have been proposed and hearings held by the City Planning Commission and PLUM over the past four years. We feel the proposed ordinance provides a fair and effective balance between the legitimate needs of community care facility occupants and the rights of neighboring residents.

The current situation is about to take a much more serious turn for the worse as 9000 early release prisoners are about to descend on the residents of Los Angeles County. After the past four years of back and forth between the Planning Department, City Planning Commission, City Attorney's office, and PLUM, a formal version of the proposed ordinance was released for PLUM approval on September 13 of last year. Since then the sober living lobby has mounted an extensive campaign to delay and emasculate the proposed ordinance. We urge an end to inaction on this important issue and a speedy approval by the PLUM of the proposed ordinance and that the ordinance be forwarded to the full City Council for expeditious adoption:

- Four months have elapsed since the City Attorney's office completed the final draft of the proposed ordinance.
- Several years have elapsed since the Planning Department and the City Planning Commission developed the form of an effective and balanced ordinance.
- Illegal, unpermitted commercial boarding homes have proliferated throughout our single family residential communities, bringing crime, public drunkenness, exposure and sexual acts visible to neighbors, excessive noise, and clouds of cigarette smoke enveloping neighbors' properties.
- It's time to provide the community with protection from illegal group houses in our residential neighborhoods.
- Give the public safety and Building and Safety officials the tools needed for reasonable regulation and enforcement against illegal group homes and boarding houses.
- Provide effective mechanisms for legal establishment of needed Community Care facilities.

We strongly urge you to take immediate action and move this critical measure forward.

Sincerely,

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