

**Petition in Opposition to  
Proposed Boarding House Ordinance:  
Case Number CPC-2009-800-CA and  
City Council File Number 07-34-27  
and In Support of  
QUALITY SOBER LIVING HOMES**

We the undersigned oppose Ordinance CPC-2009-800-CA – Council File 07-34-27 as currently constituted, and find it to be discriminatory against Sober Living Homes and to the families that such institutions help to create and maintain. We wish to bring to the attention of the City Planning Commission and the City Council the following:

Sober living homes provide housing and supportive family environments and resources to people in recovery from addiction. Sober living has been an integral, clinical part of recovery for over 75 years.

As presently constituted, this ordinance will have a disparate impact on groups of disabled persons, including those on parole and probation, seeking single family housing. We believe that this ordinance is supported by an illegitimate and discriminatory intent, ignoring fair housing and reasonable accommodation case law for “families of disabled persons living together in mutual support (Sober Living)”.

This ordinance cannot justify its proposed redefinition of family, single housekeeping units, and reclassification of penal institutions which will severely restrict the way unrelated people can live together in low density residential areas, (zones R1, R2, RD) since the principal means for this type of shared housing is through multiple leases or other individual financial arrangements.

We, the undersigned agree with the findings of the 1997 American Planning Association, Policy Guide on Community Residences<sup>(1)</sup> which include:

- 1) Community residences (sober living homes) are a legitimate residential use of property, and are not boarding houses.
- 2) Community residences have no effect on the value of neighborhood properties, established by over 50 studies, even for immediately adjacent properties.
- 3) Community residences have no effect on neighborhood safety. In fact residents of group homes are far less likely to commit crimes than members of the general population.

(1) American Planning Association – Policy Guide on Community Residences, 1997 Adopted by Special Delegate Assembly, September 21, 1997; Ratified by Board of Directors, September 22, 1997. The full report can be downloaded at <http://www.planning.org/policy/guides/adopted/commres.htm>

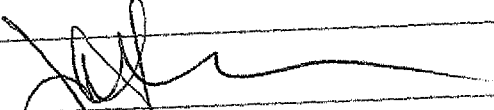
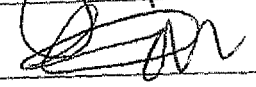
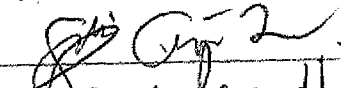
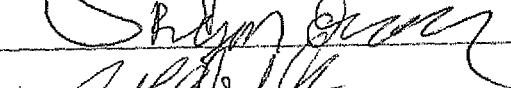


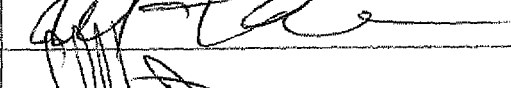

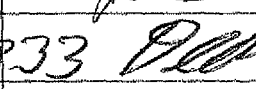
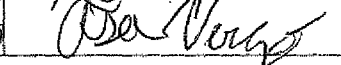
We recognize and value the many benefits sober living homes can provide to the City including; reduced crime, reduced homelessness, reduced dependency on City and other public services, reduced family and neighborhood violence and other benefits. We also recognize that these benefits, unlike other social service programs, are provided at virtually no cost to the City and its residents.



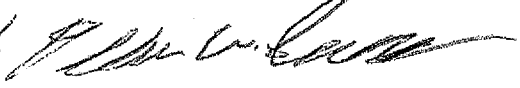
By affixing our names to this document, we implore the City of Los Angeles to reject the proposed ordinance as presently constituted and to provide reasonable access to treatment and recovery for all families.

We the undersigned petitioners:

Your Name (Please Print or Write Legibly)	Home Town/Zip Code	Your Signature
1 Tanya Steenkamp	Woodland Hills/91364	T Steenkamp
2 Ilana Wilinger	Agoura Hills/91301	I. Wilinger
3 Michelle Arnold	Tarzana/91357	M. Arnold
4 Blake Sherman	Tarzana 91357	B. Sherman
5 <del>Benji</del>	91364	Benji
6 Darlene Adams	91344	Darlene Adams
7 Lindsay Hampton	Woodland Hills/91369	Lindsay Hampton

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1 Jennifer Squyres	Tarzana 91356	
2 Candice Stuck	Boca Raton, FL	
3 Renee Mendonca	TARZANA 91356	Renee Mendonca
4 JULIO TAN	W Tarzana 91356	
5 Jennifer Hills	Winnetka 91356	Jennifer Hills
6 Ryan Anthony Oros	NEW Jersey 07073	
7 Joe Silberman	tarzana, 91356	
8 B. Bierschen	Bell County TX	
9 Sheinolee Lloyd	Tarzana 91356	Sheinolee Lloyd
10 David E. Galt	TARZANA 91356	David E. Galt
11 MIKE TOWERS	WINNETKA	
12 JEFF LUCHT	WINNETKA	
13 LISA CLOR	VAN NUYS 91405	
14 DEAN LUCAS	FULLERTON 92833	Dean Lucas
15 Maria Borat	North Hollywood	Maria Borat
16 Barbara Dante Holly	San Fernando	Barbara Dante Holly
17 Zoryana Keste	Woodland Hills 91364	Zoryana Keste
18 Walter H. Keste	Woodland Hills Ca 91364	Walter H. Keste
19 Kelly Cheney	Tarzana 91356	Kelly Cheney
20 <del>Asa Virgo</del>	Tarzana 91356	

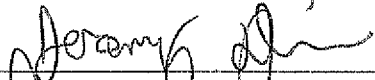
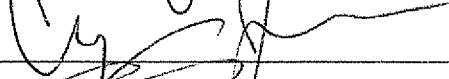


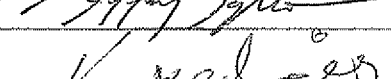
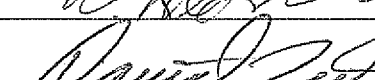

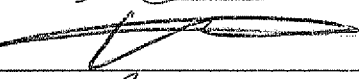



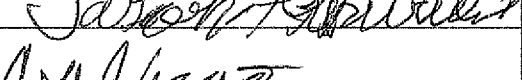


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3 DAVID BETHKE	RESEDA 91335	David Bethke
4 Ryan Ellis	LANCASTER 93536	Ryan Ellis
5 Tim McCallough	LANCASTER 93536	Tim McCallough
6 Anthony Montes	LANCASTER 93535	Anthony Montes
7 Sheila Urso	Sylmar 91342	Sheila Urso
8 Bruce Neale	Van Nuys 91406	Bruce Neale
9 John McCasb	SANTA MONICA 90401	John McCasb
10 MARK MEYERBOCK	WOODLAND HILLS 91356	Mark Meyerbock
11 Richard Landwehr	TARZANA CA.	Richard Landwehr
12 Hillary Chester	Granada Hills CA 91344	Hillary Chester
13 KYLE GALLEGOS	WINNETKA CA. 91306	Kyle Gallegos
14 Donald Pantzen	West Hills Ca 91307	Donald Pantzen
15 Andy Harmon	TARZANA CA 91356	Andy Harmon
16 LIZASCHRAPE	TARZANA CA 91356	Liza Schrape
17 Anne Hughes	Tarzana, Ca.	Anne Hughes
18 Sharon Hillander	Tarzana 91356	Sharon Hillander
19 Rehan Aslam	Tarzana CA 91356	Rehan Aslam
20 Michael Stout	Tarzana CA 91356	Michael Stout

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2 Casey Jones	Sherman Oaks, 91423	
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4 JSC Brant	West Covina CA 91790	
5 Jeffrey Scott Sylvanus	Denver Colorado	
6 Kurt Nedras	L.A. 90045	
7 David Zerk	TARZANA 91356	
8 Nick Smith	TARZANA 91356	
9 Wm. Bierschenk	Bell Canyon CA	
10 Joe Silberman	Tarzana, 91356	
11 David Parker	West Hills CA 91361	
12 [Signature]	SHERMAN OAKS	
13 Jason Arbividi	Jersey City	
14 ASA Virgo	Tarzana 91356	
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