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11-0262 Fwd: Group Homes

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Date: Thu, Feb 2, 2012 at 1:56 PM

Subject: Group Homes

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Dear Councilmember:

Please help us to keep our neighborhoods safe for ourselves and our children, and not money making endeavors which is what these group homes are! SOMEONE IS MAKING BIG MONEY OFF THESE HOMES. These ex cons and "ex" alcoholics and drug addicts should be housed in commercial or industrial zones. Not next door to a family with children. I have personally come into contact with these people and I can assure you they are not all sober.

It is incredulous that our politicians will not do anything about such blatant abuse of our neighborhoods. The big questions is why??? Whose special interest is being served?? What politician is getting paid off in one fashion or another???

I will work tirelessly on behalf of my family, children and neighborhood to see that we are kept safe and that our neighborhoods retain the integrity of the single family dwellings that we are intended to be and not lucrative business ventures for absent landlords. Our politicians need to do their job, this is why we elected you!! Stop passing the buck and step up to the plate!!

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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 Councilmembers Reyes, Huizar and Krekorian:

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. To our surprise, LAPD officials recently informed us 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 Virtually all of these are operating illegally and will continue to do so because of our outdated and vague zoning codes.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 well being?

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, we strongly urge you to take immediate action and move this critical measure forward so that it will be passed and enacted.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor; All City Councilmembers; Amy Brothers, Deputy City Attorney; Alan Bell, Deputy Director, City Planning; Tom Rothmann, City Planner