March 14, 2012 City Council Los Angeles City Hall 200 N. Spring Street, Room 410 Los Angeles, California 90012 Re: Case No. Case No: CPC-2009-800-CA CEQA: ENV-2009-801-ND File No: <u>11-0262</u>

Re: Community Care Facilities Ordinance

Dear Councilmembers of the PLUM Commission:

I am in support of the new proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance, and I respectively ask that you also support it.

We have lived in our home for forty three years in the part of Leimert Park that is zoned R1 for single-family residences. In the past 5 to 6 years, a Sober Home and a Half Way house have sprung up in our neighborhood (in addition to some licensed facilities). As a member of Cherrywood/Leimert Block Club, I and others have historically officially opposed anything (via Commission hearings, CUP variance hearings, etc.) that was felt to be detrimental to the quality of life and character of our historic community. Once confronted with this present boarding houses situation, we perceived it to be a threat (transient rather than permanent residents) to our community, and we moved in opposition to them being located in our community of single family residences. We soon found that we had nowhere for our voices to be heard, no hearings or anything, because no effective law or city ordinance existed. With the new proposed Ordinance, we, as citizens, will finally have a process by which we can voice our position (pro or con) on what happens in our community.

We are not in opposition to Sober Homes per se, but we are in opposition to them being located in single-family residence communities. Without this amended Ordinance, present zoning designations have no meaning. We need your vote to rectify the present loophole in the law that allows boarding house businesses to exist in communities of traditional single family homes. Thank you.

Respectively,

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