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Fwd: Council File No. 11-0262 – OPPOSED to Community Care Ordinance

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Please do not let the new ordinance go any further. The current politics surrounding Drug addiction are bad enough. There is no need to bring an even more problematic rule to the table that will further discriminate against the bottom rungs of society. This ordinance is unnecessary as there are already laws that effectively empower communities to rid themselves of poorly managed sober living homes. The issue isn't sober living homes in general, they provide a much needed service that should be provided by the city but isn't because the city and county are broke. Drug addiction isn't going to go away. If anything it is getting worse as dictated by the economical times. The need for treatment is far surpassed by the availability for affordable options. Sober Living homes fill the gap for people suffering from addiction that dont have the money to attend rehab. If you take away sober living homes, you take away one more safety net out there preventing addicts from hitting the streets. When that happens there are more severe consequences to worry about then an unruly sober living home. Sober Living Homes prevent more money from being spent to imprison drug addicts in jails and prisons were there is no hope for rehabilitation.

This new measure will enforce discrimination against a group of individuals that is recognized to have a disability by the AMA and the united states government. If this new ordinance is not stopped now it will be much worse for everybody as we will not give up. There is a large group of individuals that this ordinance affects directly and a much larger group that it affects indirectly but will start to take notice as their loved ones are discriminated against. Please do not let this continue, it is unfair and unreasonable.

Besides the drug addicts that this is clearly aimed at it will encompass other "undesirables" that use residential housing for group living. Such groups as retired elderly and Hispanic Americans also utilize residential zoned properties to house multiple individuals. If this ordinance continues I have no doubt that we will find backing amongst the AARP and the many Hispanic political groups.

The choice is yours and I hope you make the right one. Please do not discriminate against people that want nothing more than to learn how to live normally like "you" and contribute to their communities like all good Americans should. Please stop this before it gets any further and add one more chapter to the failed war on drugs and the Americans that suffer. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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