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Fwd: Please Oppose CF 11-0262, "Community Care Facilities Ordinance"

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From: Richard Gellis <mail@change.org>

Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2012 at 5:57 PM

Subject: Please Oppose CF 11-0262, "Community Care Facilities Ordinance"

To: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

We, the undersigned, are opposed to CF 11-0262, the proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance. As written, this ordinance would effectively shut down hundreds of sober livings and transitional housing centers in Los Angeles; putting thousands of recuperating individuals out on the streets, and cutting them off from a support network and crucial recovery services. These are at-risk youth, veterans, disabled and otherwise vulnerable community members that the government has already turned away, who are trying to better their lives. The homes being threatened right now are safe havens for those who have nowhere else to go. Please help our recovering community continue on their path back to normalcy, and out of harm's way by taking into account the following:

The re-defining of a "boarding or rooming house," and/or consideration of a single lease requirement in the definition of a "single housekeeping unit," would completely up-end the traditional, successful model of sober living & transitional housing environments. This is because recovery homes thrive on shared living arrangements. They keep costs affordable and promote fraternity. Furthermore, to adopt such language would likely force these homes into commercial or industrial zones, which only further disconnects these individuals from society. As for the premise that conditional use permits and variances would allow these places to survive; it is simply not realistic. We are talking about small business and home owners that simply cannot afford so much red tape and burdensome fees.

In closing, we would like you to recognize that this ordinance unequivocally hurts thousands of homeowners, small business owners, and individuals in recovery across the city. We feel the better way to address the concerns of those supporting this ordinance is through the adoption and enforcement of a nuisance abatement program.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

This ordinance goes against state laws that define families, ultimately it will be struck down. Misguided individuals are in favor of passing it. I have not read the ordinance and believe that bigotry is the main drive of this ordinance. I live in a R2 dwelling and feel that I am protected by that designation. There are laws in effect now that define the business of "renting rooms" as far as numbers of separate accounts that reflect on county of Los Angeles laws and rules of business and that this ordinance is uncalled for and not needed nor necessary. This fight has been an ongoing one and if these sober living homes comply with zoning and tax laws that they are within their rights to continue operating, let alone the good work of "humanizing" individuals that are struggling to make it in today's economy let alone addiction issues, There are many older members of our community that are living comfortably in Sober Living homes that keep them safe from the harsh world of SRO housing or living in our streets as so many of our mentally inhibited population are. There is no place like home

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Note: this email was sent as part of a petition started on Change.org, viewable at <http://www.change.org/petitions/l-a-city-council-oppose-cf-11-0262-community-care-facilities-ordinance>. To respond, [click here](#)