

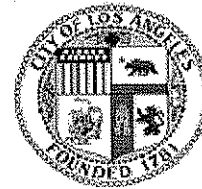


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February 3, 2011

Councilmember Greig Smith
200 N. Spring Street
Room 405
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Department of City Planning Recommendation Report, Case No: CPC-2009-800-CA;
CEQA: ENV-2009-810-ND; Council File: 07-3427.

Dear Councilman Smith,

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council believes residents in single-family neighborhoods should have input when group homes want to open in areas with low-density zoning. Although we would support even stronger rules to protect our stakeholders, CNC believes the Community Care Facility Ordinance is an important step toward regulating group homes and sober living facilities.

Problems with sober living homes have become the single most common issue CNC hears from our stakeholders. Residents are concerned about safety, noise, parking, crime, property values and other quality of life issues. Most stakeholders are particularly concerned that they are not given advance notice and are not able to comment about whether such facilities should be allowed in low-density neighborhoods.

Meeting in regular session, duly noticed, CNC voted unanimously on February 2, 2011, to join Granada Hills South and other Neighborhood Councils as well as the LA Coalition for Neighborhoods in supporting the Community Care Facility Ordinance.

We recognize that not all such facilities make "bad neighbors." But we believe homeowners should be notified and should have the opportunity to comment.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping Chatsworth a great place to live.

Judith Daniels
President
Chatsworth Neighborhood Council

cc: Distribution to all City Council members