

April 15, 2012

RE: Council File No. 11-0262 Community Care Facility Ordinance

To Whom It May Concern,

Throughout the San Fernando Valley are group homes for adults and children with special needs. These group homes have six clients and I'm sure they're very welcomed into the neighborhood. In fact, I am a parent of a special needs adult and I am in favor of having group homes in all neighborhoods. However, I have to support my neighbors and agree that a facility for 36 clients really belongs somewhere other than in the middle of a residential neighborhood. We live on a very quiet, rural street and some of us have very high mortgage payments and property taxes. We would have never purchased our properties if we knew that a home would be turned into a large business. Inviting 36 clients into a day program shows that the owners are not very considerate of the neighbors. I'm sure that the owners of the E-Sol program wouldn't want to live next door to a daycare program with a large clientele.

I believe there should be many programs available to our challenged adults. I have seen Valley Village and Tierja Del Sol which are two wonderful programs for persons with special needs and they are not located on a residential street. It may be that you don't receive letters from every resident on our street but that may be due to the fact that they don't have letter writing skills or are just leaving the letter writing to others. You can be sure, however, that when the neighbors get together we all agree that it's unfair to invite large businesses into our peaceful community.

It is critical for any Community Care Facilities Ordinance to maintain the current Los Angeles Municipal Code requirement for a public hearing and zoning variance for large facilities in R1 and R2 zones.

Sincerely,

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