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City Council Item No. 11-0262 - Letter of Support For City Ordinance For Boarding Homes and Community Care Facilities

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Please put this on the City Council Official Site. Thank you.

Honorable Bernard C. Parks,
Councilmember, 8th District

Honorable Herb J. Wesson Jr.
Councilmember, 10th District

Los Angeles City

Reference: (City Council Item No. 11-0262)

Dear Councilmembers,

We, the Cherrywood/Leimert Block Club, a coalition of smaller block clubs and households, do support, and urge you to support the proposed ordinance regulating Community Care Facilities and Boarding Houses. Our neighborhood, Leimert Park North of King Blvd, is having its character and quality of life threatened by the what we feel is a significant increase of boarding home types into our community which is zoned for low-density, single-family homes. Our section of Leimert Park was designed for, and has always been an R1 zoning classification. As such, our neighbors are more likely to be long-term residents with homeowner interest. The residents of boarding homes and community care facilities are more likely to not be homeowners, but renters who are typically transient in nature with no long-term interest in the community. To us, this is a violation of R1 zoning requirements. If we had known these businesses were moving in, we could have at least made our case for why we thought it shouldn't be allowed, but after the fact, we found that there was no City agency (or law) to which we could make our case. We need this ordinance to to put some type control on businesses that are taking advantage of the law through loopholes.

Sincerely,

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