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Fwd: Community care facilities ordinance

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Subject: Community care facilities ordinance

To: Councilmember Mitchell Englander <Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org>, paul.koretz@lacity.org, belairbeverlycrestneighborhood@gmail.com, sharon.gin@lacity.org

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Dear Mr. Englander, Mr. Koretz, Mr. Ringler, and Ms. Gin,

I am writing to express my support for the community care facilities ordinance.

I live at 8743 Appian Way and a facility is scheduled to open across the street at 8746 Appian. I and a neighbor canvassed the neighborhood and obtained signed petitions from all of the residents in proximity to 8746 Appian Way. The issues we object to are summarized in the petition below. The 40 plus residents closest to this facility are in complete agreement that it should not be allowed to open. This is virtually a rural neighborhood. Access is limited and difficult. Police response time is at best 30 minutes, and usually longer. It is already difficult and prohibitively expensive to obtain adequate homeowner insurance because of fire risk. I have been advised that the presence of such a facility would make this even more difficult.

Please let me know if I should provide any of you with the signed petitions, or if there is anything further we can do.

Please help us preserve our neighborhood and the investments we have in our homes.

Thank you,
Dr. Debra Semsky
8743 Appian Way
[323-822-9870](tel:323-822-9870)

We, the residents of Appian Way, have learned of a proposed Sober Living Facility to be opened and operational at 8746 Appian Way.

No notice was given to any residents, no permits have been applied for, and we feel the numerous impacts this facility will have are insurmountable. We

petition to stop any further advancement to opening this business here in our residential area.

Community impacts include and are, unfortunately, not limited to the following:

Appian Way is a sub standard street and in some areas is barely wide enough to let a fire truck through. A heavy increase in traffic, parking requirements etc., will further compromise the ability of emergency vehicles of any kind to reach our neighborhood.

This is a HIGH FIRE RISK ZONE. Only one insurance company will underwrite in this area. The proposed housing is located right in the middle of a canyon where a cigarette butt carelessly disposed of could jeopardize all of our homes.

3. All the houses in this immediate vicinity are on septic systems. The residentially zoned septic system for this property is for a single family. The impact of dramatically increasing septic input could be the seepage of raw sewage into the canyon. This would have a disastrous effect on the ecosystem of our canyon and pose serious health risks.

4. Property value on our homes will immediately depreciate. Transient boarding in our neighborhood is not attractive to future buyers, especially those with young families.

5. Concern over personal and property safety. We feel that transient boarders bring with them a transient population. Our Street is not a thoroughfare: anyone in the area either lives here or is visiting. We have a very low crime profile, which we do not want to see increased. Numerous studies have shown significant increases in crime where such facilities open in residential areas.

We implore you to take this under careful and appropriate scrutiny. We feel that the location of this proposed halfway house will have serious negative effects on this beautiful, safe, quiet community that we all love.