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The Honorable Herb Wesson  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street, Room 430  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CF #11-0262): OPPOSE**

Dear Council President Wesson:

I am writing on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles to urge you to vote against the the Community Care Facilities Ordinance, proposed legislation that would attempt to restrict shared living arrangements in the City of Los Angeles.

The League supports measures to extend the supply of adequate housing for low-income residents, and specifically supports house-sharing as a means of increasing the housing supply. For many disabled and elderly residents, recovering addicts, and others in poverty, home sharing represents the only way to afford shelter in an extremely expensive rental market. Los Angeles is currently estimated to have tens of thousands of homeless residents. The last thing the City needs is to adopt an ordinance that would have the effect of pushing more people into homelessness.

A better response to the problems with shared housing that have been reported by some residents is to enforce existing public nuisance laws.

The Los Angeles Housing Department has indicated that the proposed ordinance may conflict with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Fair Housing Act (FHA). An legal analysis obtained from the law firm of Munger, Tolles, and Olsen concludes that it would violate a “slew of federal and state anti-discrimination statutes.”

Enacting a law that is vulnerable to being overturned by litigation could prove very costly for the City.

We are sure that you, like the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, support actions that will eliminate homelessness and provide adequate housing to all citizens of Los Angeles. The CCFO is a step in the wrong direction, and we urge you to vote NO.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Holtzman'.

David Holtzman  
President, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles

CC: Los Angeles City Council