



Fwd: Vote NO on Community Care Facilities Ordinance

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Liza White <lizacwhite@gmail.com>
To: Sharon.gin@lacity.org
Cc: Elizabeth Ralston <ewrtemp@pacbell.net>

Tue, Dec 4, 2012 at 3:11 PM

Dear Sharon Gin,

Please have this e-mail made part of Council File 11-0262. ✓

Thanks

Liza

Begin forwarded message:

From: Liza White <lizacwhite@gmail.com>
Subject: Vote NO on Community Care Facilities Ordinance
Date: December 4, 2012 2:54:14 PM PST
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org

To the Honorable Paul Koretz

I am writing to ask you to vote against the Community Care Facilities Ordinance should it come to vote in council. This ordinance threatens the housing that is valuable to tens of thousands of people without many options. It's preferable that the city continue to work for more homeless housing as well as more resourceful management of property owners who do not follow current nuisance laws.

I am concerned that as a result of the recent slayings in Northridge a consideration of the Community Care Facilities Ordinance now might receive a preponderance of public supporting comments that do not consider the broader consequences of reducing affordable housing for a vulnerable demographic.

With thanks for your attention to this matter and service to our city.

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Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

Fwd: Vote NO regarding Community Care Facilities Ordinance

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Cc: Elizabeth Ralston at LWV <ewrlw@ewralston.com>

Tue, Dec 11, 2012 at 9:24 AM

Please include this e-mail on the Council File, Council File 11-0262. Thanks, Cecilia Schlesinger ✓

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From: **cecilia schlesinger** <cecilia.schlesinger@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 11, 2012 at 9:22 AM
Subject: Vote NO regarding Community Care Facilities Ordinance
To: councilmember.reyes@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Ed Reyes, Please oppose the Community Care Facilities Ordinance. If passed the ordinance will eliminate shared housing for thousands of low income households. It will impact housing affordability in Los Angeles, and put thousands of people at risk of homelessness.
Cecilia Schlesinger, 5111 Irvington Terrace, Los Angeles, Ca 90042.



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Los Angeles City Council, Public Safety Committee:
Councilmembers Mitchell Englander, Jan Perry, Joe Buscaino,
Paul Krekorian, and Dennis P. Zine
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Proposed Ordinance on Community Care Facilities, et al.
Council File No. 11-0262**

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee:

We write on behalf of Disability Rights California, and the people with disabilities whom it is our legal mandate to represent, to urge you to reject the Community Care Facilities ("CCF") ordinance.

On November 9, 2012 – just a month ago – the Department of Justice filed a lawsuit on behalf of the people of the United States against the City of San Jacinto, California on the grounds that San Jacinto had, *inter alia*, violated the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act by passing an ordinance very similar to the one before you. San Jacinto, which is located in nearby Riverside County, had amended its zoning code to prohibit people from living together "under separate rental agreements or leases, either written or oral," in low-density residential neighborhoods of the City. As with the CCF ordinance, San Jacinto exempted "community care facilities" of six or fewer residents from these restrictions.

The CCF ordinance, like the one at issue in San Jacinto, would prevent people who share housing and need to be on separate leases from living in low-density residential areas of the City. As the Department of Justice's Complaint against San Jacinto (attached) explains, people with

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disabilities are more likely to live in shared housing; correspondingly, people who need to have separate leases within the same household are disproportionately people with disabilities.

As Disability Rights California and other organizations have explained in prior letters to the Council, the separate lease provision is one of a number of problems with the CCF ordinance, which, if passed, would violate fair housing laws, the Americans with Disabilities Act and similar state law provisions, state land use and zoning ordinances, and the state and federal constitutions. These letters include those from Disability Rights California to the Planning Commission, PLUM Committee, or the Council dated October 14, 2010; November 4, 2010; February 10, 2011; March 28, 2011; May 31, 2011; and March 20, 2012 and are hereby incorporated by reference.

When it accepts federal money such as HOME and CDBG funds, the City certifies to the federal government that it is affirmatively furthering fair housing. If the City fails to do so, the government can withdraw millions of dollars of federal funds. The Council would be inviting such repercussions if it passed an ordinance so similar to San Jacinto's after a Department of Justice fair housing lawsuit has been filed against that city. Before moving forward with the CCF ordinance, the Public Safety Committee must ask itself where in the City budget it might find a replacement for those millions of dollars.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and other civil rights laws were enacted to promote equality for all people and to fight against segregation and other forms of discrimination. We hope that these are principles that the members of this committee stand behind, and that each of you will refuse to take actions based on fear and stereotype.

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Sharon Gin <sharon.gin@lacity.org>

vote NO on CCFO!

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Cc: sharon.gin@lacity.org

Mon, Dec 10, 2012 at 10:35 AM

12/10/2012

RE: Council File # 11-0262

Dear Councilman Parks,

I am a constituent of your district and am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO).

Currently in Los Angeles, there are 45,000 households that share housing to make ends meet. This proposed ordinance will eliminate housing for many of those households especially seniors, Veterans, youth transitioning out of foster care, the disabled, and students.

In addition, all of the public legal organizations plus the private firm of Munger, Tolles, and Olson have stated that the ordinance is illegal because it specifically targets a housing model used as a reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. Without a shared housing option, many persons with disabilities would not be able to live independently. The recent lawsuit filed by the Department of Justice against the Riverside County city of San Jacinto seems to confirm the legal analysis that this ordinance would violate the American with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Amendments Act.

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CCFO sends the wrong message about the City of Los Angeles and as such could cost the City millions of dollars in private lawsuits, loss of federal affordable housing dollars, and loss of private business who find our rules regarding tenancy too complex and cumbersome.

Please vote NO on CCFO!

Sincerely,

Caitlin DiMaina

2922 Halldale Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90018

December 10, 2012

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Please vote NO on CCFO!

Sincerely,

Leslie Wise

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