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Comments to PLUM Committee March 20, 2012 re Community Care Facilities Ordinance – 11-0262

Good Afternoon. Peggy Burgess

North Hills West

The March 8 Planning Department recommendations are unacceptable. This is just another concession to appease the opponents who created the very problems the CCFO is needed to prevent.

The parolee/probationer definition must <u>not</u> be deleted. We all know there will be no resolution at a later date. The special interest groups will prevail and corrupt operators will continue to house unlimited numbers of parolees and probationers under the guise of sober living homes.

Crime in single family zones will continue to increase in direct proportion just as It has for the last 5 years.

It is only the unscrupulous operators who oppose any attempt to regulate their facilities. Legitimate, Licensed and regulated group home operators like New Horizons San Fernando Valley Association for the Retarded support the 9/13 draft ordinance. New Horizons has dozens of group homes all over the Valley and no one even knows they're there. That's the way it should be!

If any changes are made, they must strengthen the ordinance, not weaken it as the suggested revisions do.

I urge you to reject the March 8 recommendations entirely Approve the 9/13/11 Draft. without further delay and get it to the full council today.

Thank you.

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