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Deputy: Comm. from Public

Councilmember Ed Reyes, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 410
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Community Care Facility Ordinance, Council File No: 11-0262
Case No. CPC-2009-800-CA, CEQA: ENV-2009-801-ND
Strongly support Community Care Facility Ordinance version released on
September 13, 2011.**

As a resident of a RA-1 community for the past 17 years, who has negatively been affected from at least two of these sober living facilities in my neighborhood these past couple of years, I strongly support the Community Care Ordinance version released on September 13, 2001. This version of the Ordinance provides relief long past due.

These facilities negatively affect our neighborhoods from increased crime such as burglaries and activity of young men walking in large groups between these facilities, noise (yelling, fighting), which resulted in increased police response from patrol cars, to helicopters, and even for fire trucks. We were burglarized, and no longer felt it was safe to let our children walk in the neighborhood. To be clear these facilities are for profit businesses that trample on the rights of homeowners.

Again, please approve the September 13 version of this ordinance that includes the following important provisions:

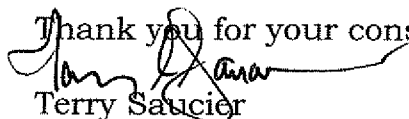
- o A limit of two people per bedroom; a bedroom must conform to Building and Safety standards (most sober living homes cram as many people as possible)
- o No boarding houses in single family residential zones (sober living, parolee, others)
- o Stringent parking and noise regulations (these are some of the worse aspects of the homes)

The suggested revisions by the sober living lobby are not acceptable:

- o A provision to allow the facilities in all residential zones by right, without the need for public hearings and a variance, as is now required
- o Another to delay consideration of parolee provisions until a later time
- o Still another which would result in considerable watering down of the lease requirement.

Please protect the rights of homeowners and families by approving the version of the proposed ordinance, which was released on September 13, 2011.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Cc: Councilman Jose Huizar, Councilman Mitchell Englander, Councilman Dennis P. Zine