

**Melody Acres Neighborhood Association**

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Councilmember Ed Reyes, Chair  
Planning and Land Use Management Committee  
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I strongly support the concept of the Community Care Facility Ordinance and feel the version released on September 13, 2011 provided a fair and effective balance between the legitimate needs of community care facility occupants and the rights of neighboring residents. That version of the proposed ordinance contained a number of critically important provisions, including:

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

Since the release of the September 13 revision, the sober living lobby has mounted an extensive campaign to delay and emasculate the proposed ordinance. The results of their efforts are evident in the suggested revisions just released by the Planning Department. Among the onerous suggestions are:

- 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.
- Another to delay consideration of parolee provisions until a later time.
- Still another which would result in considerable watering down of the lease requirements.

The current situation is about to take a much more serious turn for the worse as 9000 early release prisoners are about to descend on the residents of Los Angeles County. I urge a speedy approval by the PLUM of the version of the proposed ordinance released on September 13, 2011.

Sincerely,



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