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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/08/2018

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 08/16/2018

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 18-0002-S28

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council supports California State Senate Bill 1045 (As amended July 02, 2018), and the action taken in CF 18-0002-S28 with comments (full comments in attached PDF). Summary of comments: 1) (Sec 5452): Consider providing further clarity on licensing and training standards required... in order to serve as a “qualified person” to provide evaluation services. 2) Sec 5462- Provide the conservatee written notice if the the court has been petitioned for an extension of the conservatorship. 3) Provide clarity on the housing of children. 4) Sec 5459 - As the conservator is required to have a fiduciary duty to protect and care for the conservatee, please further include the that the conservator shall have successfully completed fiduciary duty training as outlined by the state. 5) When a non-governmental conservator is appointed there be a County or City official assigned to oversee the actions of conservators on a regular basis in order to ensure that the best interests of the conservatee are being maintained. 6) We request that there be mandatory yearly (or more frequent) legislative reviews in order to make adjustments to the program based on the findings of the Working Group – including the discontinuation (or extension) of the program. 7) Further, we request that the funding mechanism(s) for the programs be clearly defined and in place – including any applicable state funding available to support requirements of the legislation – prior to implementation of the program(s).



Community Impact Statement

8/8/18

To: Senators Stern and Wiener & Allen and Bradford, Assemblymember Chen & LA City Councilmembers Ryu & Harris-Dawson

From: Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC)

Re: CA SB-1045 (Stern/Wiener) Conservatorship: “Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders” & LA Council File# 18-0002S28

Position: For – if Amended

The Board Approved this CIS on 08/08/18 by a vote of: Aye (15) – Nay (0) – Abstain (0)
Update to Previous Input: NO

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill 1045 (As amended July 02, 2018) provides for an experimental and limited expansion of Conservatorship programs to serve the needs of those individuals suffering from serious mental illness and a substance abuse disorder who are shown not to have the capacity to care for themselves; and,

WHEREAS, the current version of the proposed legislation adds numerous protections for the proposed conservatee; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of the legislation is to provide a path to rehabilitation and self-sufficiency for the conservatee in the least restrictive, yet effective, manner; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is directly affected by and supports the proposed legislation;

THEREFORE, it is resolved that The WOODLAND HILLS WARNER CENTER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL supports the action taken in CF 18-0002-S28 and the pilot program outlined in SB-1045 with the following comments:

(Sec 5452): Consider providing further clarity on licensing and training standards required – as defined by the American Psychiatric Association, the American Medical Association, or other nationally recognized medical professional standards organization – in order to serve as a “qualified person” to provide evaluation services.

(Sec 5462) Provide the conservatee written notice if the conservator has petitioned the court for an extension of the conservatorship.

Please provide further clarity on the housing of children where their parent(s) is (are) committed to conservatorship.

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(Sec 5459) - As the conservator is required to have a fiduciary duty to protect and care for the conservatee, please further include the that conservator shall have successfully completed fiduciary duty training provided by an entity approved by the California Department of Consumer Affairs Professional Fiduciaries Bureau prior to beginning the conservatorship unless the conservator is a close relative of the conservatee.

We further suggest that when a non-governmental conservator is appointed there be a County or City official assigned to oversee the actions of conservators on a regular basis in order to ensure that the best interests of the conservatee are being maintained and that the conservator is fully trained in all of the requirements set forth in the legislation.

Article 5555 calls for a working group to submit a preliminary report of the effectiveness of the program by Jan 1, 2021; we request that there be mandatory yearly (or more frequent) legislative reviews in order to make adjustments to the program based on the findings of the Working Group –including the discontinuation (or extension) of the program based on the Working Group’s findings and public input.

Further, we request that the funding mechanism(s) for the programs be clearly defined and in place – including any applicable state funding available to support requirements of the legislation – prior to implementation of the program(s).

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Fletcher".

Joyce Fletcher
President
Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheppard Kaufman".

Sheppard Kaufman
Vice President
Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC

Cc:, LA City Councilmember Blumenfield (CD3), CA Legislative Portal