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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/10/2019

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

#### Impact Information

Date: 11/04/2019

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0002-S66

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: At the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council's full board meeting on 07/10/19, the board voted to submit a statement in support of the resolution by Councilmembers Bob Blumenfield and Monica Rodriguez addressing the problems created by both licensed and unlicensed drug and alcohol addiction rehabilitation facilities. Additionally, the WHWC NC requests that the City Council and Mayor's office consider taking additional measures to protect both patients and the surrounding communities. The NC's suggestions are included in the full CIS.

**Community Impact Statement / 07-10-19**

**To:** Los Angeles City Council, Office of Mayor Garcetti

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

**Re:** 19-0002-S66 Substance Abuse and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facilities in the City of Los Angeles

**Position:** FOR-if Amended

*The Board Approved this CIS on 07/10/19 by a vote of:*

*Aye (17) – Nay (0) – Abstain (0) – Ineligible (1)*

Update to Previous Input: NO

WHEREAS Council Members Bob Blumenfield and Monica Rodriguez have created a LA City Resolution that addresses the problems created by both licensed and unlicensed drug and alcohol addiction rehabilitation facilities; and,

WHEREAS the Resolution encompasses facilities such as sober living homes, community care facilities, group homes and other drug and alcohol addiction rehabilitation facilities; and,

WHEREAS there are serious concerns about the quality of care provided to each patient residing in licensed and unlicensed drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities in the City of LA and throughout the State of California; and,

WHEREAS there are major concerns about the qualifications of the operators and staffs of these facilities, and concerns about the negative impacts these facilities can have on neighborhoods when not properly managed; and,

WHEREAS a variety of State and Federal laws restrict the ability of the City of LA to guarantee the quality of care for patients; and,

WHEREAS the Resolution supports the State's approval and adoption of AB-1779, AB-1796, and AB-447 that will require greater oversight of these facilities and allow Cities to regulate the size, density and locations of these facilities; and,

WHEREAS Council Members Blumenfield and Rodriguez have further augmented this Resolution by:

- Requiring Building and Safety and the LAPD to report on the number of call for services related to these facilities; and,
- Requesting that Building & Safety coordinate with Planning on all zoning and building codes; and,
- Requesting that the LA Fire Department coordinate on any questions regarding occupancy violations; and,
- Requesting that the City investigate recommendations on issues related to administrative uses by these facilities that are not directly related to patient care and are being carried out within residential zones; and,
- Request that the City return a report back to the City Council within 90 days.

WHEREAS, the WHWCNC substantially accepts the recommendations in the Blumenfield/Rodriguez Resolution; and,



WHEREAS, the WHWCNC Board agrees that greater oversight and control of these alcohol and drug rehabilitation facilities is necessary as quickly as possible;

THEREFORE, the Board of the WHWCNC resolves to notify the City Council and the Mayor's Office of its support of the City Resolution under Council File No. 19-0002-S66, and asks that the City Council and Mayor also consider the following additional measures:

1. Creating the use of "Special Permits" for establishing and operating an alcohol or substance abuse rehabilitation facility within LA City Limits.
2. Have the LA City Attorney investigate the measures that the City of Costa Mesa has taken in their successful lawsuit against problem rehabilitation cases, specifically as related to the Yellowstone Case Decision that allowed the city to impose restrictions and new regulations.
3. Support Assembly Bill AB-920 in this Resolution regarding alcohol and drug abuse programs.
4. Instruct the City Attorney to investigate the potential of enforcing Nuisance Laws in respect to governing substance treatment homes.
5. Encourage insurance companies to adopt a policy of conducting regular inspections on the rehabilitation homes they are financially supporting through their patients and policy holders and encourage them to self-regulate in instances where they find deficiencies.
6. Instruct City Department officials to analyze if the patients in the alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation home are being allowed to integrate with the community (as required), or if they are being held inside the facility with no community interaction.
7. Investigate requiring Conditional Use Permits that can be investigated by the LA Police Department and/or other qualified City Departments.

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 Kautman".

Sheppard Kautman  
Vice President  
Woodland Hills-Warner Center NC

Cc: Councilmember Blumenfield (CD3)