



*City of  
Encinitas*

Office of  
The Mayor

March 23, 2016

The Honorable Patricia Bates  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4048  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Kristin Gaspar*  
Mayor

**Re: SB 1283 (Bates) Substance abuse: adult recovery maintenance facilities  
NOTICE OF SUPPORT – As Introduced 2/19/16**

Dear Senator Bates:

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas supports SB 1283 (Bates) Substance abuse: adult recovery maintenance facilities. This bill defines "adult maintenance facilities," creates licensure authority for the State Department of Healthcare Services, and provides a mechanism for funding the additional administrative duties of the Department.

*Tony Kranz*  
Council Member

Group homes are allowed by-right in California, providing six or fewer residents occupy the residence. This bill creates a discrete category of group homes, whereby "adult recovery maintenance facilities" provide some level of activity for residents to help in their recovery from substance abuse. As such, these group homes would be included in the category of "adult recovery maintenance facilities," and require a license, which is administered by the Department of Healthcare Services.

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

We feel facilities providing these services for their residents should be licensed and monitored by the State Department of Healthcare Services, to maintain a standard of care for which many advertise. The difference here is that this is not just housing being provided for disabled residents, but a facility that includes activities to help these recovering adults adjust to everyday, non-institutional living.

For the reasons given above, the City of Encinitas is in support of your bill.

*Lisa Shaffer*  
Council Member

Sincerely,

Kristin Gaspar  
Mayor

*Karen P. Brust*  
City Manager

Cc: City Council  
Kendra Harris, League of California Cities  
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities  
JGC Consulting  
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