



*City of
Encinitas*

Office of
The Mayor

April 12, 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 amended 4/7/16**

Dear Senator Bates:

Catherine S. Blakespear
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas supports SB 1283 (Bates) Substance abuse: adult recovery maintenance facilities. Your bill authorizes a city to adopt, by ordinance, health and safety standards and enforcement mechanisms for structured sober living homes. Cities are not required to do so, but your bill provides some common sense measures to ensure the function of the recovery maintenance facility serves the clients, as well as neighbors in the impacted residential areas.

Tony Kranz
Council Member

It is reasonable that these facilities comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, since some clientele have disabilities. In-house supervision is also a reasonable requirement, since the facility is for adult sober living and recidivism is a reality.

Mark Muir
Council Member

Due to the nature of a group home, behavioral standards of residents vary. By requiring property maintenance and noise abatement of these facilities consistent with local ordinances, neighbors in the vicinity will be less impacted by disruptive behavior, or at least have an opportunity to remedy the situation.

For the reasons given above, and for the introduction of some measure of local control, the City of Encinitas is in support of your bill.

Sincerely,

Lisa Shaffer
Council Member

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

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