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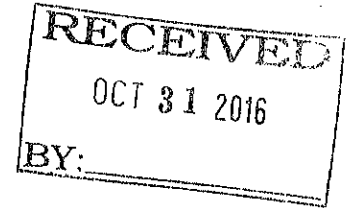


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The Honorable Darrell Issa  
United States House of Representatives  
1800 Thibodo Road, Suite 300  
Vista, CA 92081



**RE: SUPPORT OF PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE FAIR HOUSING ACT**

Dear Congressman Issa,

The City of San Juan Capistrano would like to express its support for your proposed legislation to amend the Fair Housing Act to enable states and cities to regulate residential recovery facilities.

Cities in California and across the country are dealing with a proliferation of residential recovery facilities in residential neighborhoods. These facilities can impact quality of life and change the residential character of a neighborhood. The City of San Juan Capistrano receives many complaints from residents regarding noise, trash, poor property maintenance, excessive on-street parking, building and fire code violations, second-hand smoking.

Amending the Fair Housing Act would provide the much needed abilities for states and cities to regulate these facilities by allowing the enactment and enforcement of zoning ordinances, including enabling some of these facilities to be located within a particular area of the city, only if it is necessary to preserve the residential character of communities.

Residential recovery facilities are used to help house individuals who are overcoming addiction-related health and behavioral issues before reintegrating into more typical living conditions. Unfortunately, these facilities have a long history of difficulties in Southern California. The challenges derived from noncompliant residential recovery facilities are a strain on law enforcement resources, represent legitimate public safety threats to the community, and negatively affect the patients seeking treatment. The residential recovery facilities that are concerned with the quantity of patients, rather than the care of patients, have had a harmful effect on all of the compliant and well-operating facilities, leaving patients with incomplete treatment and local governments to deal with the fall out. This bill would make a positive impact in mitigating these issues, by requiring residential recovery facilities to provide residents with a safe and sober living environment that is completely free from illegal drugs, alcohol, abuse, and harm; and requires homes, its owner, and its operator to obtain a license or permit to operate, meet a set consumer protection standards, and register with the government.

*San Juan Capistrano: Preserving the Past to Enhance the Future*

The City Council and residents of San Juan Capistrano appreciate your efforts and supports your proposed legislation to amend the Fair Housing Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam Patterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pam" and last name "Patterson" clearly distinguishable.

Pam Patterson, Esq.

Mayor

cc: Senator Pat Bates  
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