July 3, 2019

The Honorable Tom Daly
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3120
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Assembly Bill 1779 (Daly) Recovery Residences

Dear Assemblymember Daly:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support Assembly Bill 1779 (Daly). This legislation proposes to require the State to adopt and implement county standards for recovery residences. The City has long supported legislation that regulates recovery residences and is thankful for the introduction of AB 1779.

There has been a long-lasting need for local jurisdiction regulation over recovery residences. Operators provide a needed service to those seeking re-entry into communities, rehabilitation, and recovery. While most operators manage their residences well, without negatively impacting neighborhoods, the potential for over-saturation of homes has been known to cause issues pertaining to neighborhood safety and quality of life. Far more concerning is the apparent lack of social services to provide for the diverse needs of the sober-living community. The City has a long history of supporting legislation that proposes increased regulations for recovery residences and appreciates AB 1779 provides an additional opportunity to adopt local regulations.

The City supports legislation that provides more local government control on the regulation of drug and alcohol recovery facilities. Local standards for recovery residences, as proposed by AB 1779, will connect recovering Long Beach residents with necessary social services and increase quality of life for all residents.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1779 (Daly).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
    The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
    The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
    The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
    The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
    The Honorable Patrick O’Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District