



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

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