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The Honorable Thomas Umberg
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 913 (Umberg) Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Facilities.
Notice of SUPPORT

Dear Senator Umber,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to support your SB 913, which would enhance the oversight and enforcement of existing state licensing laws for alcohol and drug treatment facilities.

Residential recovery housing provides a range of benefits to some of California's most vulnerable residents, and it is critical their needs are prioritized over profits. Compliance with state licensing laws administered through the Department of Health Care Services is essential to safeguarding residents' well-being and maintaining quality care.

SB 913 would augment state licensing efforts by requiring the Department of Health Care Services to adopt a process that allows cities to request approval to conduct site visits and enforce compliance with existing state licensing laws. By collaborating with cities, the state can leverage local resources to supplement its regulatory efforts. The City of Laguna Niguel is committed to improving the quality of care and quality of life in these facilities.

As boots on the ground, cities are positioned to respond promptly to emerging issues or changes in their communities. Allowing them to partner with the state to conduct site inspections and enforce licensing laws enables swift action to address violations, ensure compliance, and protect public health and safety.

SB 913 would help meet our shared goals of ensuring treatment facilities meet standards for patient care, which is central to effective treatment outcomes and community well-being.

For these reasons, the City of Laguna Niguel **supports** your **SB 913 (Umberg)**. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Kevin O'Connor, Management Assistant, at koconnor@cityoflaguneniguel.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Jennings".
Kelly Jennings
Mayor