



## CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL

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The Honorable Senator Richard Roth  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
1021 O Street, Room 3310  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SB 1334 (Newman) Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Licensing**  
**Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Roth,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to support SB 2081(Newman) Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Licensing. SB 1334 would close critical regulatory loopholes in recovery residences to better safeguard vulnerable individuals while better serving the communities in which recovery residences are located. SB 1334 will clarify legal definitions around recovery residences, ensuring a safe living environment conducive to their recovery journey.

The City of Laguna Niguel recognizes the need for well-maintained and operated recovery residences. While these facilities often play a vital role in people's recovery from addiction, there can be instances of exploitation that harm patients and hinder their recovery. SB 1334 provides clear definitions for recovery residences, affords local jurisdictions with the ability to require a use permit or conditional use permit for any recovery residence that serves more than seven residents, and requires recovery residences to be located at least 1,000 feet from another state-licensed alcohol or drug recovery facility or recovery residence.

SB 1334 will establish a transparent framework that empowers cities to enforce standards of care that promote health, safety, and well-being. For these reasons, the City of Laguna Niguel strongly supports SB 1334 and encourages members of the Senate Committee on Health to vote in support of SB 1334.

Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Kevin O'Connor, Management Assistant, at [koconnor@cityoflagunaniguel.org](mailto:koconnor@cityoflagunaniguel.org).

Sincerely,

*Kelly Jennings*  
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Mayor