



## CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL

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The Honorable Mia Bonta  
California State Assembly, 18<sup>th</sup> District  
Chair of the Health Committee  
1021 N Street, Room 390  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Department of Health Care Services Reforms – Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities: AB 423 and AB 424 (Davies)** (As Introduced February 5, 2025)

Dear Assembly Member Bonta,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to support AB 423 and AB 424 by Assembly Member Davies. AB 423 and AB 424 (Davies) provide much-needed reform to drug and alcohol treatment facilities while balancing the need for well-maintained and operated facilities. Both bills improve the quality of patient care and well-being by holding alcohol and drug abuse recovery facilities accountable for the needs of patients and community members.

- **AB 423 Alcohol and Drug Recovery or Treatment Facilities: Discharge and Continuing Care Planning** – Requires the Department of Health Care Services to adopt regulations requiring discharge and continuing care planning, develop a plan to help the patient return to their home community at the conclusion of treatment, and schedule for the patient a follow-up meeting with a mental health or substance use disorder professional to occur no more than 7 days after discharge. The results of which will lead to improved patient care and outcomes.
- **AB 424 Alcohol and Other Drug Programs: Complaints** – Requires the Department of Health Care Services to notify individuals when their complaint has been received, when the investigation concludes, and the outcome of the investigation. Currently, complainants do not receive updates and must file a public records request to learn the outcome of their complaint. By improving communication, AB 424 would help support a more transparent oversight process.

For these reasons, the City of Laguna Niguel strongly supports AB 423 and AB 424 (Davies) and encourages members of the Assembly Committee on Health to vote in support. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Kevin O'Connor, Management Assistant, at [koconnor@cityoflagunaniguel.org](mailto:koconnor@cityoflagunaniguel.org).

Sincerely,

Ray Gennawey  
Mayor

Cc: Assembly Committee on Health  
Assembly Member Laurie Davies, 74<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
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