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The Honorable Mia Bonta
Chair, Assembly Health Committee
1020 N Street, Room 390
Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: SB 83 (Umberg) State Department of Health Care Services
Notice of Support (As Amended 4/3/2025)

Dear Assembly Member Bonta,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to support SB 83, which would create more transparency in the state's oversight of alcohol and drug treatment facilities.

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

SB 83 requires DHCS to share more information on its website about facilities that violate state licensure law. This information would include the name of the entity or person who violated the law, a summary of the department's decision to issue the violation, and the date the decision was issued. Creating more transparency in the licensure violations will empower patients to make informed decisions about their care by knowing what violations, if any, have occurred within a treatment facility. SB 83 holds providers accountable by making these violations more easily accessible.

SB 83 is the logical next step in improving alcohol and drug treatment facilities transparency, building upon last year's AB 2081 (Chapter 376, Statutes of 2024), which requires the operator of a licensed recovery home to disclose to those seeking care that they can check DHCS's website to confirm a facility's compliance with state licensing laws. SB 83 improves upon AB 2081 (2024) by ensuring the DHCS website includes sufficient information about these violations.

SB 83 is common-sense, transparency legislation that protects residents and holds providers accountable for maintaining high-quality treatment. For these reasons, the City of Laguna Niguel is proud to support SB 83 (Umberg).

Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Kevin O'Connor, Management Assistant, at koconnor@cityoflagunaniguel.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray Gennawey". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "R" and a cursive "Gennawey".

Ray Gennawey
Mayor

Cc: Assembly Health Committee
State Senator Umberg, 34th District
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