

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

February 11 , 2026

Agenda Item # 14

Support CF 25-1484 (Park): Regulation of Sober Living Density in Los Angeles

Motion

Refers to City Council file [25-1484](#)

The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports CF 25-1484 which seeks to regulate sober living density in Los Angeles.

Currently homeowners and residents in the Del Rey neighborhood of CD 11 and beyond are experiencing the effects of a documented pattern of owners/developers over-developing properties intended as “senior living” and then filing a change of use and converting them to unregulated sober living homes with between 22 and 48 residents. Repeated requests by the community to abide by “good neighbor norms” have gone unaddressed.

Prior communities in CD 11, CD 5 and other areas citywide have also experienced issues with sober living over-concentration in residential neighborhoods and have supported previous efforts to regulate sober living density in Los Angeles.

Research and findings from prior communities who have experienced these conditions demonstrate that the best way to resolve many of the problems now stemming from these largely unregulated sober living facilities is by establishing minimum spacing requirements between facilities and to create thresholds based on facility size, modeled on the Costa Mesa ordinance upheld by the courts. The motion in CF 25-1484 seeks to allow the City to preserve the benefits of recovery housing while avoiding the drawbacks of excessive clustering.

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