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March 29, 2018

The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 3086  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
VIA FAX: 916-651-4025

**RE: SB 1317 (Portantino) Alcoholism or drug abuse treatment facilities.**  
***Notice of Support***

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities® (Division), supports your SB 1317 which allows local governments to reasonably regulate residential sober living facilities who serve six or fewer people.

Sober living is an effective part of a successful treatment program for many people in recovery from substance abuse. However, the state laws and licensing requirements that govern treatment and care facilities do not currently include sober living homes. This means that the state does not keep any list of registered sober living homes, conduct inspections of sober living homes or perform any of the other activities associated with licensing facilities.

SB 1317 remedies this issue by allowing a local government to adopt an ordinance requiring sober living homes to provide a written notification 30 days prior to beginning operation. The ordinance can also require the facility to submit the following information: a parking plan for residents and operators, a medical waste disposal plan for residents and operators, a plan of services to be offered at the facility, certification that the facility meets the current requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and room/restroom requirements.

For these reasons, the Los Angeles County Division supports SB 1317.

Sincerely,

Miguel Canales  
President, Los Angeles County Division  
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cc: Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation

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