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

*Tony Kranz*  
Mayor

### **RE: SB 913 (Umberg) Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Facilities – Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Roth,

*Allison Blackwell*  
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas is pleased to support SB 913 (Umberg), which would enhance the oversight and enforcement of existing state licensing laws for alcohol and drug treatment facilities.

*Bruce Ehlers*  
Council Member

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

*Kellie Shay Hinze*  
Council Member

SB 913 would augment state licensing efforts by requiring the Department of Health Care Services to adopt a process that would allow cities to request approval to conduct site visits of unlicensed sober living homes based on the city's reasonable belief that the home is providing one or more nonmedical services requiring licensing. This measure would also allow city attorneys to enforce compliance with existing state licensing laws. By collaborating with cities, the state can leverage local resources to supplement its regulatory efforts.

*Joy Lyndes*  
Council Member

Cities are positioned to respond promptly to emerging issues or changes within their communities. Allowing them to partner with the state to conduct site inspections and enforce licensing laws enables swift action to address violations, ensure compliance, and protect public health and safety. SB 913 would help meet our shared goals of ensuring treatment facilities meet standards for patient care, which is central to effective treatment outcomes and community well-being.

For these reasons, the City of Encinitas supports SB 913 (Umberg). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 633-2618.

Sincerely,

*Pamela Antil*  
City Manager

Tony Kranz  
Mayor  
City of Encinitas