

7.1 POLICY MOTION:

COMMITTEE: PH&S Homelessness Committee

TITLE: Support for Council File 25-1484 – Regulation of Sober Living Facility Density in Los Angeles

PURPOSE:

To recommend that the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) file a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 25-1484, which seeks to regulate sober living facility density in Los Angeles through a citywide framework.

BACKGROUND:

Council File 25-1484 was introduced on December 10, 2025, and referred to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. The Motion directs the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report back on legal and policy options to reduce the overconcentration of sober living facilities in residential neighborhoods. The proposed approach includes establishing minimum spacing requirements between facilities modeled on the Costa Mesa ordinance upheld by the courts, exploring dispersal requirements within community plan areas, and considering thresholds based on facility size to target regulations at facilities most likely to create infrastructure burdens.

Communities in Council District 11 and other areas citywide have experienced issues with sober living overconcentration in residential neighborhoods. Research and findings from these communities demonstrate that minimum spacing requirements and size-based thresholds can preserve the benefits of recovery housing while avoiding the drawbacks of excessive clustering. The Committee recognizes that sober living facilities play a critical role in supporting individuals in recovery and that the goal of CF 25-1484 is equitable distribution rather than exclusion.

MOTION:

The MVCC supports Council File 25-1484 and requests that the City Council adopt a comprehensive citywide framework to regulate sober living facility density in residential neighborhoods. A citywide approach ensures equitable distribution of recovery housing across all Council Districts, prevents overconcentration from shifting from one neighborhood to another, and provides clarity and consistency for facility operators, residents, and enforcement agencies. While Mar Vista does not currently face documented overconcentration of sober living facilities, the Committee believes that proactive regulation is preferable to reactive measures after problems have already emerged.

DIRECTED TO:

Los Angeles City Council
Councilmember Traci Park (CD11)
Department of City Planning
Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

Motion Made By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Vote Count: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____