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The Honorable Laurie Davis California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Suite 4720 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2081 (Davies): Substance Abuse: Recovery and Treatment Programs - City of Newport Beach – Notice of Support

Dear Assembly Member Davies,

I write on behalf of the City of Newport Beach to express its support for AB 2081, which requires a higher standard of transparency and greater protections for individuals seeking alcoholism or substance use treatment. Specifically, this measure requires the operator of a licensed recovery home to disclose on its website any legal, disciplinary or other enforcement action brought by the Department of Health Care Services.

Residential recovery housing provides a wide range of benefits to some of California's most vulnerable residents, and it is critical that 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. AB 2081 would ensure that those seeking treatment easily know what violations, if any, have occurred within a treatment facility and would hold providers accountable by making notices of violations easily accessible to the public.

AB 2081 is commonsense, transparency legislation that protects residents and holds providers accountable for maintaining high quality treatment.

For these reasons, the City of Newport Beach supports AB 2081.

Sincerely,

Will O'Neill

Mayor

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