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The Honorable Diane Dixon
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3 (Dixon): Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facilities: Local Regulation City of Newport Beach – Notice of Support

Dear Assembly Member Dixon,

On behalf of the City of Newport Beach, I write to express our support for AB 3 (Dixon), which exempts recovery or treatment facilities licensed on or after January 1, 2026, from being classified as residential for local regulations if they are within 300 feet of another facility, share ownership, management, or amenities, and house more than six residents combined.

On October 24, 2024, the State Auditor released an audit of the Department of Health Care Services (Health Care Services), and our assessment focused on residential drug and alcohol recovery and treatment facilities (treatment facilities) that provide services—such as detoxification and counseling—for substance use disorders. The audit findings provided recommendations to ensure that the individuals seeking care are doing so in a safe environment that would facilitate individuals recovering in a non-institutionalized residential setting. This bill will help ensure that appropriate processes are adopted to allow that to happen.

With alcohol and drug abuse rising in not only California, but across the nation, it is critical that there is adequate access to high quality and diverse styles of treatment. AB 3 helps ensure fair access to recovery services.

For these reasons, the City of Newport Beach supports AB 3.

Sincerely,

Joe Stapleton
Mayor, City of Newport Beach

cc: Senator Tony Strickland
Newport Beach City Council