



June 24, 2024

The Honorable Avelino Valencia  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 4120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 2574 - Unlicensed Sober Living Homes — SUPPORT (As Amended April 24, 2024)**

Dear Assemblymember Valencia,

On behalf of the City of Carlsbad, we are pleased to support Assembly Bill (AB) 2574 which will expand the State's oversight ability to investigate the financial relationships between the recovery residences, treatment facilities and certified programs.

While state law requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to license and regulate drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities, the law does not require DHCS to license recovery residences. Without the licensing of these facilities, it is impossible for the state, city, and members of the community, to track where these facilities are located, the condition of the facilities, or complaints associated with the facilities.

AB 2574 will require each organization that operates, conducts, owns or maintains a certified program, or a licensed facility to disclose specified data related to their financial relationship with a recovery residence. Additionally, this bill will provide DHCS the authority to suspend or revoke the certification of a program, or a license of a facility for failing to disclose this required information.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 2574 and thank you for your leadership on this most important issue. Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate Sharon Gonsalves with Renne Public Policy Group at 916-974-9270.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Blackburn'.

Keith Blackburn  
Mayor

CC: Members and Staff, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Catherine Blakespear, Senate District 38  
Angela Pontes, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor Gavin Newsom's Office of Legislative Affairs