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January 28, 2013

Re: Item # 13 CF # 11-0262 Community Care Facilities Ordinance

Honorable Councilmembers:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., representing 40 resident and homeowner associations with approximately 200,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, voted to support the Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO) on September 5, 2012. This is a balanced ordinance which provides housing opportunities for those who need it while providing for public safety.

The CCFO clarifies the out-dated municipal code. It does not discriminate against those with disabilities. It offers housing opportunities in appropriate zoning areas as well as options for housing in residential areas. It assures that the homeless and disabled and other vulnerable populations will have safe, good quality housing and not be taken advantage of by unscrupulous operators. It clearly states guidelines and tools for much-needed enforcement.

While the Ordinance may not be perfect-indeed, what ordinance is?-it is an improvement over the current municipal code and a good beginning. Regulation of these group facilities is long overdue. The Federation therefore urges City Council to adopt the Community Care Facilities Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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