

March 11, 2025

The Honorable Diane Dixon California State Assembly, District 72 1021 O Street, Room 5330 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Darshana Patel California State Assembly, District 76 1021 O Street, Room 5140 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear California State Senate, District 38 1021 O Street, Room 7720 Sacramento, CA 95814 The Honorable Laurie Davies California State Assembly, District 74 1021 O Street, Room 4720 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Avelino Valencia California State Assembly, District 68 1021 O Street, Room 5510 Sacramento, CA 95814

## **RE: SUPPORT for the Sober Living Home Legislative Package**

Dear Assembly Member Dixon, Assembly Member Davies, Assembly Member Patel, Assembly Member Valencia, and Senator Blakespear,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

ACC-OC is pleased to inform you that we support the following bills seeking to reform sober living and alcohol/drug treatment facilities in local communities: AB 3 (Dixon) Alcohol and drug treatment facilities: local regulation; AB 423 (Davies) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: discharge and continuing care planning; AB 424 (Davies) Alcohol and other drug programs: complaints; AB 425 (Davies) Certification of alcohol and other drug programs; AB 448 (Patel) Short-term residential therapeutic program: requirements; AB 492 (Valencia) Alcohol and drug programs: licensing; and SB 329 (Blakespear) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: investigations.

ACC-OC has long advocated for greater accountability and oversight for these facilities located within our communities. The lack of oversight, regulation, and licensing results in unsafe conditions for patients and creates significant negative impacts on local neighbors. For these reasons, we are pleased to support this legislative package. Should you have any questions about our position on these bills or ACC-OC, please contact Wendy Strack, ACC-OC Director of Legislative Affairs, at (951) 712-3173 or <a href="mailto:wstrack@accoc.org">wstrack@accoc.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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CC: ACC-OC Board of Directors