



April 1, 2024

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

RE: AB 2574 (Valencia) Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities.
Notice of SPONSORSHIP *(As Introduced 02/14/24)*

Dear Assembly Member Valencia,

The League of California Cities is pleased to **sponsor** your AB 2574, which would clarify existing law to better regulate recovery residences that are operated as integral parts of licensed treatment facilities located elsewhere in the community.

Specifically, AB 2574 provides that an unlicensed alcohol or substance use recovery home is not a residential use of property when evidence demonstrates that the residents of the home are receiving nonmedical services as an integral part of a licensed drug treatment facility located elsewhere. Evidence of nonmedical services includes transportation, advertisements that connect the licensed facility to the unlicensed home, and advertisements of employees offering services or supervision at the home.

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.

There have been cases where a licensed facility provides services to the residents of a sober living home but does not include the sober living home in the facility's licensure. AB 2574 would provide much-needed clarity to ensure that if a recovery residence is operated as a business with a licensed treatment facility, it is regulated like a business, not a residential home.

This measure would protect residents and hold providers accountable for maintaining high-quality treatment and care. For these reasons, Cal Cities is **sponsoring** AB 2574. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at cgrinder@calcities.org.

Sincerely,

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