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| 0183448 | 10/3/14 | Coast Recreation Inc. | 1702 | \$18,855.00 | What was this for? Maintenance Services – Replacement shelter at Heller Park. |
| 0183581 | 10/3/14 | William H. Kershaw | 2821 | \$91.30 | What was this for? Expense Reimbursement for Holiday Inn Express lodging, August 15, 2014. BC Kershaw was sent to the fire in northern California called the “Happy Camp Complex”. The lodging was for the drive home. The amount is reimbursable from OES (Office of Emergency Services). |

October 7, 2014

To: Chief Executive Officer (City Manager) of the Costa Mesa City Council

From: Corinne Stover *CS*

Regarding the REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL POLICY 400-2 REGULATIONS GOVERNING FIREWORKS being removed from tonight's agenda, please regard this issue as important to safety in our city.

It is necessary to be pro-active in protecting our homes and families. It is not necessary to engage in displays of illegal fireworks for two weeks before and after the 4th of July each year. This is a practice of so-called patriots in the Halecrest area of our city.

It's not fair to let our fire department take care when things go wrong with these illegal explosive devices. It is not smart to have so-called adults thumbing their noses at laws they expect young people to obey.

Now is the time to plan to stop this so-called money raising tactic of selling "safe" fireworks in support of our young people. Be brave, just give the schools and teams the money you would spend on fireworks! What a concept!

From today's OC Register, the funny papers had this very smart cartoon. It applies to fireworks as well as magazines, gadgets and Christmas wrappings. Have anything to say that's smarter than this?



Cc: The Mayor and Council Members

From: Charlene Ashendorf
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:42 AM
To: GREEN, BRENDA
Subject: Establishment of a Senior Commission (714) 754-5221

Mayor Righheimer, Members of the city council:

Please accept this email as my public testimony for Agenda: New Business Item #2 as my husband and I have tickets to SCR this evening and I will be unable to address the council.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SENIOR COMMISSION—
Parks and Community Services Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council introduce Ordinance No.14-xx, to be read by title only and waive further reading, to establish a Senior Commission that would serve as an advisory commission to the City Council in matters related to the operation of the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

As you are aware, I have been an advocate for seniors, I served on the senior center board and want to support the highest quality of opportunities for the senior population of this community.

I am pleased to see that the status of seniors and the Costa Mesa Senior Center will be elevated with the proposed recommendation. While I would speak in favor of this motion, I would ask that you consider the following:

Instead of establishing a commission to serve as an advisory commission, you may wish to consider establishing a:

Senior Citizens Advisory Council the senior center program administrator reports to.

I would ask considering that the council Meet monthly which will prove more relevant and current; that it be a volunteer unpaid position and there be **Minimum Age Requirement** 55 years of age so that seniors represent seniors.

Senior Citizens Advisory council members serve on one of each of the following subcommittees:

Health and nutrition – in order to assist in meeting the critical needs of older adults and adults with disabilities and the homebound

Housing and transportation

Donor relations and outreach

Facilities - including strengthen public support for the Costa Mesa Senior Center

Programs: Recreational, social, educational

Receive input from the senior community, including organizations on issues relevant to the senior community

Act as liaison for senior citizen issues to governmental and private organizations

Advocate senior citizen issues within the entire community

Identify problems of service and recommend appropriate solutions

Be a channel of communication between staff, senior center participants and the Costa Mesa senior community

Provide feedback to staff on the assessment of current & future needs of the senior citizen community for the purpose of program planning



NEW DIRECTIONS
FOR WOMEN

OCT 21 '14 AM 7:23

October 20, 2014

Costa Mesa City Council
Mayor Jim Righeimer
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Mayor Jim Righeimer,

I serve as the Quality Improvement and Human Resources Manager at New Directions for Women in Costa Mesa. New Directions for Women operates a state licensed residential substance use disorder treatment center, a state certified intensive outpatient program as well as a sober living environment. The population that we serve is women of all ages, pregnant women and women with children. Our program is situated in an area of Costa Mesa that belongs to the county of Orange. Our residential and outpatient programs are accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and our sober living environment is a member of the Orange County Sober Living Coalition.

The Federal Fair Housing Act, as amended in 1988, prohibits housing discrimination based on several factors including disability. The Act covers practices such as renting, buying and construction. A practice that is also covered is zoning. Further, the Americans with Disabilities Act offers protection to individuals in recovery by defining these qualifying statuses:

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- Who have been successfully rehabilitated and who are no longer engaged in the illegal use of drugs;
- Who are currently participating in a rehabilitation program and are no longer engaging in the illegal use of drugs; and
- Who are regarded, erroneously, as illegally using drugs.

The women who seek our services and housing are women who deserve a clean, safe and beautiful community. They are practicing new life skills and they are productive members and tax payers of the community of Costa Mesa. New Directions for Women opposes the proposed ordinance as it is clearly targeting a protected group of individuals. Further, New Directions for Women supports the Sober Living Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting excellence in the operation and management of sober living and other community support resources. We urge you to consult with fair housing and recovery experts before promoting this or any similar law affecting the vulnerable women we serve.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Layton Medina, PHR
Quality Improvement and Human Resources Manager

From: erowheels

Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2014 3:47 PM

To: RIGHEIMER, JIM; GENIS, SANDRA

Cc: LEECE, WENDY; MONAHAN, GARY

Subject: Drug Rehab Houses

Please help take back our neighborhoods from the proliferation of the drug and alcohol rehab houses. We have put up with it too long! They have no regard for the surrounding neighbors. I will vote for you regardless of political party. We must join together and get our neighborhoods back!

Thank You!

William McPherson

From: patti kinsella

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 9:33 AM

To: GENIS, SANDRA; LEECE, WENDY; MONAHAN, GARY; steve.messinger@costamesaca.gov; jim.righeime@costamesaca.gov

Subject: Moratorium on SLH in Costa Mesa

Dear Representatives,

I have lived in Costa Mesa for 65 years. I have raised two children and now helping to raise six grand children here. I have seen many changes in our City both good and bad. I do not believe our streets are as safe as they once were.

I strongly oppose the current proposed ordinance which basically has been written to protect R1 areas only. Most of our neighborhoods contain both R1 and R2 properties. It is absurd how many of these homes are now in our neighborhoods.

These homes have an impact on property sales and can have a negative impact on a safe neighborhood. I believe our Mayors and Council members have a responsibility to protect our communities. These establishments might provide our City with a boost of tax revenue but at what cost to our communities?

I appreciate your consideration of the above information I have provided.

Sincerely,

patricia kinsella

Costa Mesa, CA 92627

From: Melinda Yates

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 12:55 PM

To: GENIS, SANDRA; LEECE, WENDY; MONAHAN, GARY; MENSINGER, STEPHEN; RIGHEIMER, JIM

Cc: melinda lester-yates; RODELIUS, SHARON; Dave Yates

Subject: TBON

As an Eastside Costa Mesa resident, I request the City Council Members await the Supreme Court decision regarding the over saturation of sober living homes in our neighborhoods.

Please do not incorporate the newest initiative proposed by the mayor that only addresses the R1 areas of Costa Mesa, omitting the concerns of many fellow residents.

Thank you.

Melinda and Dave Yates

CM Residents

From: mrs coyle

Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 1:40 PM

To: RIGHEIMER, JIM; MENSINGER, STEPHEN; LEECE, WENDY; GENIS, SANDRA; MONAHAN, GARY

Subject: Please read - regarding 650 ft. buffer on rehab businesses

Good afternoon,

We don't think 650 ft is enough. That means every 9 houses you can have a rehab business.

The bottom line is that eventually Costa Mesa will be known as "rehab central" and our property values will all go down. Yes, even in Eastside and Mesa Verde. The rehab residents have no financial or any other vested interest to make the neighborhood a better place to live. We would have never purchased our home last year knowing that a rehab business could be placed next door to us.

With all the Costa Mesa homeowners spending their hard earned money on property taxes, what is the city of Costa Mesa doing to protect our interests? How is this 650 ft ordinance going to be enforced anyhow?

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Coyle

P.S. By the way, Mr. David Sheridan, we would love to have Mormons living next door to us. At least they don't smoke!

From: RODELIUS, SHARON
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:04 AM
To: GREEN, BRENDA
Subject: FW: Sober Living Facilities in Costa Mesa

Dear Sirs and Madams;

Please count me in as an 55 year eastside Costa Mesa resident who is against the current influx of sober living facilities in our neighborhoods, some of which are zoned for R2. If we are to fairly handle this situation for all Costa Mesa residents, not just those who reside in R1 only areas, as I suspect most if not all of you happen to live, we must make the mandate citywide. The current ordinance proposed is not fair to all. I have read and approve of the Take Back Our Neighborhoods Costa Mesa stand on this issue and support their ongoing efforts. Please consider this before passing any ordinance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Barbara Anderson

Sharon, Please provide hard copies for all council members. Thank you.

From: Jesus Rios

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 12:17 PM

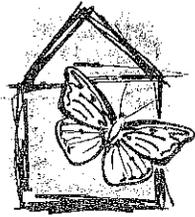
To: GREEN, BRENDA; GENIS, SANDRA; MONAHAN, GARY; RIGHEIMER, JIM; LEECE, WENDY

Subject: Group Homes

To whom it may concern,

It is with great sense of acknowledgement that I write this knowing that the city of costa mesa is finally addressing the group homes in our city. I am very displeased with the way SOME group homes are taking advantage of our city's communities. We have seen the negative impact is creating in our street. These weak individuals (not strong to controlled their urged to consume drugs or alcohol) are hiding under the umbrella of the ADA and considered themselves worthy of doing whatever they place, however they want. What about us? Don't we have rights too? If the representatives of these groups homes plans to sue for "discrimination" what about us the citizens of Costa Mesa suing them for reverse discrimination for not respecting and living like a respectful citizen obeying the laws and following the rules of a good neighbor policy (common sense). It is appalling that this groups homes are taking over our cities and being protected by the federal and state government agencies. As businesses they should be strictly following guidelines as to the amount of people and cars they should have! they should be living among us without us noticing them not creating chaos with excessive car and foot traffic, littering and smoking as they please legal and illegal substances! Representatives of these group homes should be ashamed that they are getting their money based on their greed not what is really right and just. REAL disable people are not being involved in this situations.

Mr. Rios
resident of Costa Mesa



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Rebecca Flood, MHS, LCDC, CADC II, BRI II
Chief Executive Officer

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CITY OF COSTA MESA
BY _____

From: carrie.renfro

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 2:57 PM

To: RODELIUS, SHARON

Subject: Proposed Ordinance Re sober living/group homes

Sending to you to ensure there is a copy for verification purposes. Thanks very much.

I applaud the city for finally taking some action regarding the out of control proliferation of group homes in our city; however, I am writing to ask that you reconsider the currently proposed ordinance. The ordinance is not well written and only covers a portion of the residential areas. Further, it does not address the parolee situation. I think it would be wise to wait a few weeks to see if the SCOTUS takes up the Newport Beach case which could have a huge bearing on how CM should proceed. The current ordinance in its format will most certainly open us up for a lawsuit, which would further hold up any future ordinance. I figure if we are going to be tied up with lawsuit, let's at least start with a city wide ordinance that is well crafted in the first place. Thanks.

Carrie Renfro

From: marlo steinhauser
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:17 PM
To: GREEN, BRENDA
Subject: city wide!!!

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cheers,
marlo

From: marilyn ashwell

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:19 PM

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Solid Landings v. Costa Mesa LETTER TO COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL

Dear Council Members,

October 21, 2014

Solid Landings Behavioral Health, Inc. encourages you to hold off approving Ordinance no. CO-14-03, which has come to be known as the "Group Home ordinance."

As currently presented, the statute is unlawfully broad, affects property interests, and cannot be complied with if any sober-living home is to be part of a larger sobriety program. With a good-faith effort, a workable ordinance can be drafted; one that will allow sober living homes to operate as required by federal and state law while at the same time addressing the concerns of residents concerned about ill-effects from poorly-run sober-living homes. The Group Home Ordinance does not do that; it makes it unlawful for any sober living home to be part of an off-site treatment program and imposes a limit on how many homes can be placed within certain distances. Both of these violate the federal Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and various state laws; indeed, the ordinance places onerous requirements on the living conditions of the disabled that are not placed on non-disabled persons living just next door all in violation in federal and state law.

As you can see, the Group Home Ordinance makes it impossible to function as a sober living home if that home is part of a larger treatment regimen. One important sober living program involves residence in the sober living home in the evening and night. In the morning, the participants go to a central campus for training, treatment, and therapy throughout the day. This program is banned as an integral facility, prohibiting a sober living home that is affiliated with a treatment regimen, even if the treatment regimen occurs off-site in an industrial neighborhood miles away. While Solid Landings wants to believe that this is not the intended result, it clearly violates federal and state law by ending comprehensive sober-living treatment services in Costa Mesa. Even if the City intends to offer reasonable accommodations, it seems impossible; the ban on integral facilities appears central to the very purpose of the ordinance. If we have misread the effect of the prohibition on integral facilities, or the breadth of the prohibition, please let me know, but the integral facilities ban, which would have to be satisfied before any reasonable accommodation could be requested, would appear to require that persons struggling with addiction must end their treatment before they can get permission to start their treatment.

The ordinance's 650 foot minimum-distance rules and regulations clearly violate federal law. Inexplicably, despite plainly-stated case law stating that such limitations violate the Fair Housing Act, the City of Costa Mesa is not only including the limitation, it started with a less restrictive one that already violated the law and made it harsher! This remarkable twisting of an already-unlawful screw brings the ordinance into clear conflict with federal law.



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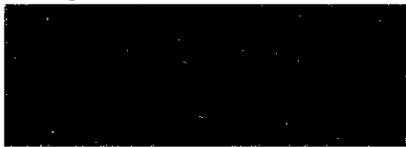
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The ordinance is chock full of limitations on the rights of the disabled to live without governmental interference that their non-disabled neighbors will not suffer. This not only violates the law, but subjects the disabled to scrutiny as an "other," complicating that person's efforts to enjoy a benefit of new-found sobriety: being a part of the community again. These limitations bring the ordinance into violation of the state Planning and Zoning Law, the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Health & Safety Code, and others laws.

Solid Landings has been informed by a City Attorney that a number of invitations to participate in drafting this law went out to members of the sober-living community a couple of years ago, and that the invitation was gruffly rebuffed. Solid Landings was not among those invitees. That is unsurprising; the company was still relatively small at the time, and was not aware that this ordinance was being considered until a relatively short time ago. Solid Landings sees itself as an important part of this community's efforts to help family, friends, and neighbors fight the perils of addiction and become functioning members of that community again. That includes working with the community to find workable solutions to disputes, but also includes having the courage to fight for one's rights as Americans. The costs to our clients and to the taxpayers of Costa Mesa will be substantial if the Group Home Ordinance passes. Solid Landings wants to work toward the former, but will be unable to if the ordinance forces a shutdown of operations. The Council should not pass the ordinance tonight; rather efforts to resolve the issue should be undertaken now.

Regards,



Kristen B. Ford
Vice President and Corporate Counsel



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Dear Members of the Costa Mesa City Council.

I apologize I cannot be in the meeting in person, but none of us realized you would be taking up any further action regarding our homes and lots before LAFCO's hearing next month. So, many of us have prior commitments to keep us from this very critical meeting.

First, I would like to review the history of all of our requests as they relate to our neighborhood, our homes and the quality of our life. In particular, my family's request to first slow the process down so we could work out some of the issues between our zoning as they have existing for well over 50 years and the zoning available to the city of Costa Mesa.

That was voted down by the majority.

Then we requested the city council process the annexation with the zoning inconsistencies just like EVERY other city has processed these differences: by providing the initial 2 years with the zoning, lot sizes, set-backs and density as we have all enjoyed for well over 50 years as county. EVERY other city, EXCEPT Costa Mesa has taken in their county parcels as exactly they had been zoned as county.

This proves by your actions you are doing opposite of what you claim you support: you are destroying the quality of life and not respecting the property owners' existing rights as they were before the annexation process. In essence no other city used this process to up-zone or change the zoning as you have decided to implement. Not one.

That was voted down by the majority.

Now you have placed on the consent calendar the CHANGING the general plan as it relates to our parcels. I believe this breaks your own process and 'rules' by which you work. I believe there needs to be a separate hearing FIRST to change the general plan, then bring it for a vote of the full council.

So, the final request is to return to your own rules and regulations you supposedly work under. I request you remove this from the consent calendar AND bring it up FIRST as a public hearing to CHANGE the General Plan. Then wait until the following meeting for the lasting vote. This would then be the LEGAL process.

The 'small islands' new rule and law was never intended as this council has abused. This was never intended to take away our property rights, our rights to vote on our future. Nor was this process EVER intended to give the right of a council majority to change forever a neighborhood. This flies in the face of our rights to be able to have a voice, a say, a vote and quite frankly your own words you express over and over again.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Parker

-----Original Message-----

From: KATHERINE ARTHUR

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:56 PM

To: GREEN, BRENDA

Subject: Ordinance - sober living homes

I do not support the current proposed Ordinance for R1 only. I would hope that our Council would wait to see what happens with the imminent decision by the Supreme Court and the Newport Beach ordinance before voting on this!

And - whatever we pass should be city-wide! We have R2's mixed in with R1s all over the city and especially on the Eastside. If we don't have a citywide ordinance it will be worthless.

Thank you,

Katie Arthur

From: tom

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 3:08 PM

To: jeff

Cc: RIGHEIMER, JIM; GENIS, SANDRA; LEECE, WENDY; MONAHAN, GARY; MENSINGER, STEPHEN

Subject: City of Costa Mesa Ordinance pertaining to Sober Living Homes

Dear Sober living coalition

It is my opinion that strict and rapid movement should be taken to get this ordinance struck down. you should reach out to your members and seek approval to file a suit against Costa Mesa to keep them from implementing this particular ordinance while offering to help draft a fair and reasonable one. I truly feel that is discriminatory in spirit and believe that the timing of this (so close to an election) is motivated purely for political purpose's. As a costa mesa business owner and a long time resident of Costa mesa I have witnessed first hand for many years the great work that many of those licensed facilities, have done helping men, women, pregnant women, and women with children recover from these horrible diseases, and in doing so has made our city a more vibrant and prosperous city. I have also seen the damage that a few have done that were both motivated by greed and profit but this is the minority not the majority. This ordinance in effect throws the baby out with the bathwater. While I support rules and regulations I simply feel that they should be crafted with input from experts in the fields they affect and not politicians attempting to appease the public in an election year.

Thank you for the good work you all do and thank you for listening to my opinions.

Tom Thurston

From: tiffani rosing

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 5:14 PM

To: GENIS, SANDRA; wendy.leece@costamesca.gov; MONAHAN, GARY; MENSINGER, STEPHEN; RIGHEIMER, JIM

Cc: RODELIUS, SHARON

Subject: TBON! Sober homes in Costa Mesa

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tiffani Rosing and currently own a home in Eastside Costa Mesa with my husband and 3 boys; ages 10, 8 1/2 and 6. All of our boys attend Woodland or Kaiser elementary which we love! We know so many wonderful families and teachers that put so much time and energy into our schools and community. Costa mesa has a group of people that value community, education, family, small businesses and safety for our neighbors. There has always been a mentality that is calm yet with certain expectations and requirements. It is what makes a city strong and proud!

What is so sad is the common negative and disturbing issue that is the "sober house living" that is penetrating our neighborhoods causing fear and anger among everyone. I don't feel the need to attack or say all the problems that are already brought to your attention. There are so many issues and problems with the way these homes are run its embarrassing! I'm sure the owners who are making ridiculous amounts of money each month are laughing at Costa Mesa. I just pray as city council members and mayor of our city that you actually are reading and listening to the people.

My reason for finally reaching out is I have officially had an experience with these drugs addicts living in a sober house "trying to get clean." Last Friday, October 17th I got a call from my neighbor saying there were police, ambulance and fire trucks at my house and if we were ok. Oh and there was a guy laying down on my driveway...I was dropping off my boys at school and said we were fine and I would be home to see what was happening...I come home to find a young man high on Meth next to a car, his friend high on meth took off with the keys to his car paranoid of the cops. The 3rd young man overdosed on drugs, threw up on my drive way and was taken away in the ambulance. I must give a side note: I was a teacher before we had children and my husband is a trauma surgeon. WE support and believe in community workers but today it was embarrassing. The police did not talk to me or remove this drugged out kid but drove off leaving him high in front of my house with this abandoned car. The firemen took out the hose and splashed water on the vomit attempting, I guess to clean it off but it just spread it around.. Then they all left ! Thank God my children were not with me and he seemed nice and apologetic enough so with help from neighbors helped me clean my drive way...I started talking to this young 22 year old, Brian from Las Vegas and could not control my mother or teacher instincts so laid into him about drugs and the path he is on. We talked along time but you know what hit home.....

We has been living at a sober house in Eastside Costa Mesa trying to get clean. He said a guy brought it meth, its easy to do he said, he's recovering from heroin , into the house and they all relapsed! He looked at me with sympathy and I do feel bad for these people but the system is obviously broken if these guys are doing drugs, drinking, driving around our neighborhood where there are families and young children! If they pulled up 15 minutes earlier my boys would

have been getting in the car going to school. As well as about 10-14 other children on our street!! They could have been exposed to the filth or been hurt by druggies driving a car...When does it end? How many kids, moms, dads, community members have to be hurt or affected by this situation? The other side would say, we need to help and where should they go? But the system that is set up here is not the system they are selling!!! These people are still abusing and getting away with it! Owners of these homes are getting their money and getting away with poisoning our community!! How they sleep at night is beyond me!

I want to thank the representative that was handing out these letters at school today! Awareness is key! So many people are frustrated yet we do not know the direction to take as it seems nothing helps or is working! I would like to help as needed and would come to council meetings or get petitions signed. If someone can get back to me and let me know what we can do or how to rally the community I would like to be involved.

I do hope someone really reads my email and will get back to me so I can help with this sad and disturbing issue. Costa Mesa has such amazing people and great potential, let's help it grow not kill it!

Thank you for your time!

Tiffani Rosing