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RE: COUNCIL FILE 11-0262, PROPOSED COMMUNITY-CARE LICENSING ORDINANCE

Dear Councilmember Englander,

On behalf of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, San Fernando Valley (NAMI-SFV) I am writing to express opposition to the above-referenced proposed ordinance. NAMI SFV was founded in Van Nuys in the 1970s by families of individuals living with severe mental illness. We are dedicated to improving the lives of those living with mental illness and we strongly oppose the ordinance as a threat to housing opportunities for our loved ones disabled by mental illness.

NAMI SFV believes strongly that this **ordinance is not the answer**. It does what the worst of public policy can do; it solves the problem of housing individuals in our community who have a disability by simply **taking away their housing. This is not a solution but a forfeiture of our responsibility towards some of our neediest citizens**. NAMI SFV understands the importance of balancing the needs of surrounding neighbors but can only support an **ordinance that maintains housing options** for our loved ones - sons and daughters, brothers and sisters - who through no fault of their own have the misfortune of being disabled and impoverished by mental illness.

The ordinance's provisions would negatively impact more residents and tenants than intended. NAMI SFV recommends eliminating the single lease requirement or only applying single lease requirement to housing with limited length of stay, and elimination of new parolee-probationer home definition in order for us to support the ordinance.

NAMI SFV asks for your help in preventing and ending homelessness by adopting our recommendations, or by simply opposing the ordinance as written. Our loved ones' homes and futures are at stake. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[YOUR SIGNATURE]

[YOUR NAME]

[YOUR TITLE]

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