

California Sober Living and Recovery Task Force (CASLAR)

Friday May 12, 2023, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Santa Ana Zoo- Barn Classroom
1801 E. Chestnut St., Santa Ana, CA

Purpose: To collaborate on policy reforms that address resident concerns regarding the operation and existence of sober living and recovery treatment homes.

Meeting Highlights

Welcome and Introductions	Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo Chair, SCSLAR Item #1: 3/10/23 Meeting Highlights Item #2: Task Force Participant Roster <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated Roster
Review of Sober Living and Recovery Task Force Mission and Initiatives	Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo Chair, SCSLAR Item #3: Task Force Invite Letter and Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After July 14th, 2023, Task Force Meeting future meetings may be held earlier in the week to accommodate scheduling
Local Law Enforcement Update	Law Enforcement Leaders
Litigation Update	William Curley, Esq. – City Attorney, City of Mission Viejo Item #4: Amicus Brief Support Request <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Justice Kagan granted consideration to take up the City of Costa Mesa’s Writ of Certiorari• The 9th Circuit Court decision on Costa Mesa’s case strips the city’s rights to regulate and enforce its ordinance regarding the operation of Sober Living homes• Attorneys leading the drafting of the Amicus Brief to support Costa Mesa are engaging the city attorney association• The City Manager’s Association is also being engaged by city managers actively participating in the Task Force
Discussion of Local Ordinances	Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo Chair, SCSLAR

- Mayor Amezcua: What goes into an ordinance that enables peace officers to best serve the public?

Development of City/County Ordinance Template

Kris Murray, Executive Director
Association of California Cities – Orange County

- The message regarding policy reforms for the regulation of Sober Living and Recovery homes is not just about safety, but also a major health and human services issue

Discussion of State Legislative Opportunities

Legislative Representatives

Item #5: AB 1696 – Assemblywoman Sanchez
Sober Living Accountability Act

- On 5/17, Bill referred to senate committee on health

Item #6: JLAC Audit Request and Support Letter
Template – Assemblywoman Dixon

- Cooper Strull, Assemblywoman Dixon is requesting support letters by no later than June 25th ; please submit to the Task Force or Townsend Public Affairs

Action Items & Closing Discussion

Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo
Chair, SCSLAR

- The Task Force will work with ACCOC to survey member cities on needs and priorities, expand task force membership, and develop a template ordinance with stakeholder input