

California Sober Living and Recovery Task Force (CASLAR)

Friday July 14, 2023, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Laguna Niguel City Hall

30111 Crown Valley Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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

Meeting Highlights

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| Welcome and Introductions | Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo
Chair, CASLAR
Assemblymember Laurie Davies, 74 th District
Co-Chair, CASLAR |
| Review of Task Force Initiatives & OC Grand Jury Report “Welcome to the Neighborhood” | Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo
Chair, CASLAR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed Grand Jury Report; pg. 25 of 42, recommendations, R4: “...create a Task Force... to be implemented by 7/1/24” [described identical to CASLAR]• Participants of CASLAR should note their participation in the Task Force in their response to the Orange County Grand Jury |
| Discussion of State Legislative Opportunities | Assemblymember Laurie Davies, 74 th District
Co-Chair, CASLAR
Assemblymember Diane Dixon, 72 nd District
Cori Takkinen, Advocacy Update
Townsend Public Affairs
Legislative Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AB 1696 on Governor’s desk; seeking support letters addressed to the Governor.• JLAC audit request to review CA Dept. of Health Care Services process for permitting sober living homes approved on consent – main purpose of audit is to understand legal and regulatory gaps.• Full audit request and questions list posted on soberlivingtaskforce.com |
| Regional Resources Update | Association of California Cities – Orange County |

& Discussion of Local Ordinances

Task Force Team
Comments from Representatives of Participating Cities

- See collaborative work plan memorandum in partnership with acc-occ at soberlivingtaskforce.com
- Cities will be surveyed by ACC-OC to confirm common ordinance priorities

Litigation Update

William Curley, Esq.
City Attorney, City of Mission Viejo
City Attorneys

- Cities and Counties should contact Bill Curley of Harper Burns to participate in amicus brief for City of Costa Mesa Supreme Court Application

Local Law Enforcement Update

Law Enforcement Leaders

- CASLAR is collaborating with LE leadership to collect relevant data for service calls on Sober Living Home disturbance complaints.

Action Items & Closing Discussion

Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo
Chair, CASLAR