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September 23, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor, State of California 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2081 (Davies) Substance Abuse: Recovery and Treatment Programs. Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Paramount requests your signature on AB 2081 (Davies), a critical piece of legislation that promotes transparency and ensures greater protection for individuals seeking alcoholism or substance use treatment.

AB 2081 establishes a requirement for licensed recovery and treatment facilities to provide disclosures on their websites and intake paperwork, informing individuals that they can verify a facility's compliance status via the Department of Health Care Services' website. This disclosure will allow potential patients to easily access crucial information, such as whether the facility's license or certification has been placed on probationary status, suspended, or revoked or if there have been any violations of state laws.

It's important to note that while some may argue that current requirements, such as displaying license numbers, suffice, we believe that AB 2081 takes necessary additional steps to protect those seeking care. The treatment industry, like any other, should operate with transparency. Displaying a license number does not provide transparency about a facility's compliance history or connect individuals with readily available resources that ensure their safety and well-being. AB 2081 is a step towards ensuring this transparency.

This bill, if enacted, will significantly benefit the City of Paramount by enhancing the trust and safety of recovery programs within our community. It will especially be a boon for our vulnerable residents who are in dire need of reliable, high-quality care. As a city that values the well-being of all its residents, we recognize the importance of holding treatment providers accountable and providing residents with clear, accessible information regarding the facilities they may rely on for recovery. Letter of Support – AB 2081 September 23, 2024 Page 2

Residential recovery housing plays a vital role in supporting those most in need of care. AB 2081 is commonsense transparency legislation that strengthens accountability and ensures that the quality of care provided to individuals remains high. For these reasons, the City of Paramount urges your signature on AB 2081. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation.

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Cc: Honorable Laurie Davies Members, Senate Committee on Appropriations Honorable State Senator Lena Gonzalez, 33rd District Honorable Assembly Speaker Emeritus Anthony Rendon, 62nd District Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Director, League of California Cities Jorge Morales, Legislative and Governmental Affairs Consultant, California Contract Cities Association