



May 8, 2025

The Honorable Avelino Valencia
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5510
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 492 (Valencia) Alcohol and drug programs: licensing.**
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Introduced 02/10/2025)*

Dear Assemblymember Valencia,

The City of Irvine is pleased to support **AB 492 (Valencia)**, which would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to notify cities anytime a new alcohol and drug treatment facility is approved in their jurisdiction.

California has 2,043 alcohol and drug treatment facilities, nearly 70% of which are in Southern California. DHCS is not currently required to notify local governments when approving licenses, leaving cities in the dark about the operation of new facilities within their jurisdictions. This lack of communication can make it challenging to address community concerns, maintain public safety, and ensure that recovery and treatment programs are effectively integrated into local communities.

AB 492 would enable cities to better coordinate services and identify emerging trends and potential gaps in the state's approach to treatment needs. Similar notification requirements are already in place for liquor licenses, cannabis businesses, and syringe exchange programs.

The City of Irvine's Community Development team has assessed the language and feels this bill will benefit our residents.

A recent state [audit](#) on drug and alcohol treatment facilities in California confirmed what cities across California have been saying for years: There is an overconcentration of recovery housing in residential neighborhoods, specifically in Orange County. AB 492 takes a critical step forward by keeping cities informed and enhancing their collaboration with the state to more effectively address substance use treatment needs.

For these reasons, the City of Irvine is pleased to support **AB 492 (Valencia)**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Agran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Larry" and last name "Agran" clearly distinguishable.

Larry Agran
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City of Irvine

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