

**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS  
COMMUNITY MEETING CONCERNING  
GROUP HOMES  
August 17, 2015, 7:00PM**

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
  
- II. REVIEW OF MEETING OBJECTIVES AND RULES OF DECORUM**
  
- III. BRIEF FACTS ABOUT GROUP HOMES**
  
- IV. COMMUNITY INPUT AND FACT GATHERING**
  
- V. CLOSING REMARKS**

**Meeting Objectives**

- 1. To begin a community conversation about the presence of group homes / sober living homes located within the boundaries of Laguna Hills.
- 2. To receive information and document the questions and concerns expressed by residents related to the presence of group homes / sober living homes as a means of helping the City identify the extent and nature of the concerns and issues associated with these homes.
- 3. To create an educational forum for gathering and exchanging information related to group homes / sober living homes and to learn what other municipalities have recently done in an attempt to address neighborhood impacts associated with group homes / sober living homes operating in traditional single-family residential neighborhoods.
- 4. To begin a process for community participation in the evaluation and determination of potential options for legal and effective regulation of group homes /sober living homes.

## Rules of Decorum

Out of respect for everyone's time and in order to ensure a productive meeting wherein everyone is given a reasonable opportunity to speak and be heard, we request that the following rules be followed:

- A. Everyone who desires to speak during the Community Input period will be afforded a maximum of \_\_\_\_ minutes. All speakers are requested to fill out the Request to Speak form.
  
- B. Questions posed to the City during the Community Input period will be handled in one of two ways: 1) If the question can be briefly answered, an answer will be given during the speaker's allotted time period; or, 2) If the question is more complex, City staff will investigate and provide an answer at a later date.
  
- C. In an effort to make the meeting more effective and productive,
  - 1. All speakers should limit their comments to first-hand knowledge and/or experiences with group homes and should refrain from providing testimony based on second-hand, or "hearsay" information.
  
  - 2. Since the State of California has enacted a complex statutory scheme inclusive of numerous provisions regarding group homes that provide treatment for the disabled and since both the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act operate to protect recovering drug and alcohol addicts who choose to live together in a supportive living environment for recovery purposes, speakers should refrain from: 1) debating State and Federal laws; and, 2) making disparaging remarks about disabled persons protected by such laws.
  
  - 3. Speakers shall limit their comments to matters pertaining to group homes.
  
- D. Members of the audience shall not engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including the utterance of loud, threatening or abusive language, clapping, whistling, stamping of feet or other acts which actually disturb, disrupt, impede or otherwise render the orderly conduct of the public meeting infeasible. A member of the audience engaging in any such conduct may be subject to ejection from the meeting.