

FORMAL LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE SOBER LIVING HOME LOCATED AT 35488 CABRINI DRIVE YUCAIPA

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To: Bill and Sharon Barros



Re: Sober Living Home - 35488 Cabrini Drive, Yucaipa

This is a formal letter of opposition to the Sober Living Home located at 35488 Cabrini Drive, Yucaipa. The information presented in this letter has been co-signed by all residents of the immediate neighborhood including members of every home located on Cabrini Drive, Cascade Street, and Monterey Drive, as well as additional members of Sunlight Drive and nearby Lynfall Street.

The intent of this letter is to respectfully and transparently present the clear and overwhelming objection to the presence of a Sober Living Home in the neighborhood, as well as state intent for legal action against the owner in the event of any negative undue consequences to the neighborhood, as a result of the Sober Living Home, which are entirely foreseeable based on the conditions and circumstances described below.

Opposition:

The owner of 35488 Cabrini Drive is operating a 501(c)(3) organization as a de facto business investment in a single-family neighborhood, whereby the residence is treated more similarly to a short-term multi-family housing operation, than a standard single-family rental home.

The guests of the home, which would consist of a rotating roster of strangers - all young men with a history of substance abuse, are statistically of a much higher likelihood of having criminal records and committing crime than those of the existing neighborhood, which is comprised of a high volume of families with children, as well the general population.

Additionally, the existence of a Sober Living Home naturally causes financial harm to the neighborhood, as its very presence must be disclosed to any prospective buyer of the surrounding homes. In other words, informed consent would now be needed from any prospective buyer during the home sale process since it is not desirable to live next to a Sober Living Home. This naturally begs to question why informed consent is not additionally required from those who would already be living next to a proposed Sober Living Home by the State or County and why Mr. Barros failed to offer any mention of his intent to operate a Sober Living Home until just one week before opening. Those impacted by the operation of a Sober Living Home ought to have the same right to protect their asset as any buyer would, but they were given no choice in the matter.

Therefore, it is strongly recommended by the entire neighborhood that the residence NOT be used as a Sober Living Home, as it is an inappropriate environment for such an operation, due to a clear compromise of safety of current residents and property, the disturbance of the natural atmosphere and culture of the neighborhood, as well as the negative financial impact to those of the neighborhood.

Notifying the owner of such concerns ensures to provide clear evidence of foreseeable harm, in terms of safety, quality of life, as well as financial harm.

Should the owner still decide to proceed with operating a Sober Living Home with the hopes that he may claim sufficient counter measures will be offered to avoid harm to the neighborhood, it will also be explained below why such counter-measures are insufficient and CANNOT prevent harm from taking place.

The owner plans to operate the Sober Living Home under the false premise that guests will follow all rules outlined on the owner's 501(c)(3) webpage aroomforyou.org. However, there is no reasonable expectation that said rules will be followed or that guests will be held accountable because (1) the Head of Household may not be reasonably expected to monitor all guest activities in our outside of the home, (2) guests can and will do as they wish, including break rules, without strict 24/7 monitoring, and (3) the Head of Household may not be reasonably expected to hold guests accountable for all rules broken. Therefore, there is no possible method or conditions that may be set forth to safeguard against harm caused to the neighborhood other than to locate the operation of a Sober Living Home in another more appropriate location.

This letter serves as a clear and respectful forewarning to the owner that remedy will be sought for any and all undue harm to the neighborhood, should he choose to operate, for the entire duration of the Sober Living Home's operation.