**California Sober Living and Recovery Task Force (CASLAR)**

**Friday May 12, 2023, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**  
Santa Ana Zoo- Barn Classroom  
1801 E. Chestnut St., Santa Ana, CA

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

## Meeting Highlights

### Welcome and Introductions
Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo  
Chair, SCSLAR  
**Item #1: 3/10/23 Meeting Highlights**  
**Item #2: Task Force Participant Roster**
- Updated Roster

### Review of Sober Living and Recovery Task Force Mission and Initiatives
Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo  
Chair, SCSLAR  
**Item #3: Task Force Invite Letter and Meeting Schedule**
- After July 14th, 2023, Task Force Meeting future meetings may be held earlier in the week to accommodate scheduling

### Local Law Enforcement Update
Law Enforcement Leaders

### Litigation Update
William Curley, Esq. – City Attorney,  
City of Mission Viejo  
**Item #4: Amicus Brief Support Request**
- Justice Kagan granted consideration to take up the City of Costa Mesa’s Writ of Certiorari
- The 9th Circuit Court decision on Costa Mesa’s case strips the city’s rights to regulate and enforce its ordinance regarding the operation of Sober Living homes
- Attorneys leading the drafting of the Amicus Brief to support Costa Mesa are engaging the city attorney association
- The City Manager’s Association is also being engaged by city managers actively participating in the Task Force

### Discussion of Local Ordinances
Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo  
Chair, SCSLAR
• Mayor Amezcua: What goes into an ordinance that enables peace officers to best serve the public?

Development of City/County Ordinance Template

Kris Murray, Executive Director
Association of California Cities – Orange County

• The message regarding policy reforms for the regulation of Sober Living and Recovery homes is not just about safety, but also a major health and human services issue

Discussion of State Legislative Opportunities

Legislative Representatives

Item #5: AB 1696 – Assemblywoman Sanchez
Sober Living Accountability Act

• On 5/17, Bill referred to senate committee on health

Item #6: JLAC Audit Request and Support Letter Template – Assemblywoman Dixon

• Cooper Strull, Assemblywoman Dixon is requesting support letters by no later than June 25th; please submit to the Task Force or Townsend Public Affairs

Action Items & Closing Discussion

Councilmember Wendy Bucknum, City of Mission Viejo
Chair, SCSLAR

• The Task Force will work with ACCOC to survey member cities on needs and priorities, expand task force membership, and develop a template ordinance with stakeholder input