

## CONGREGATE LIVING & SOCIAL SERVICES LICENSING BOARD 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

To the City Council,

We are now in our fourth year as a board, overseeing 22 licensed entities, one is a new small group home, and the rest have been established for at least two years. These agencies include:

- 3 Lodging Houses
- 3 Homeless Shelters
- 7 Residential Care Facilities
- 2 Residential Drug/Alcohol Treatment Facilities
- 5 Large Group Homes
- 1 Small Group Home
- 1 Group Resource Center

Of the nine types eligible for licensing, we have representatives in seven;

“Fraternities/Sororities” and “Drug Treatment Clinics” currently have no applicants.

Our main challenge is maintaining relevance after the initial applicant review, as subsequent reviews rely heavily on the initial one. The technical requirements, such as fire inspections, are handled by city staff, since they fall outside the board’s expertise. Though many licensees already meet strict state or federal regulations, the board’s main focus remains on applicants’ Neighborhood Relations Plans. These discussions can be productive but are at times less relevant, depending on the agency and their mission, which can make meetings feel routine. However, the board still provides a valuable forum for community grievances, though such complaints have been rare. One goal for next year would be to have a few alternate board members who could provide ancillary support and insight.



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