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Supervisor Michelle Steel Commends District Attorney on Sober Living Home Ordinance

(Huntington Beach, CA)—Supervisor Michelle Steel made the following statement today regarding the passing of an ordinance submitted by District Attorney Rackauckas requiring the registration of alcohol, narcotic, and drug abuse programs, including sober living homes:

“I would like to commend District Attorney Rackauckas for his leadership in our combined effort to address the threat to public safety created by the existence of unregulated sober living homes.

“In my district, and what is commonly known as the “Rehab Riviera,” there are no minimum standards, no regulation, and no real oversight to determine the good operators from the bad.

“The ordinance will require alcohol, narcotic, and drug abuse programs to register each year with the Orange County Health Care Agency, to promote coordination of substance abuse prevention efforts within the County and to protect the vulnerable population in need of such services.

“Many of these sober living homes have become unsafe, overcrowded, properties with illegal activity that threatens both those seeking treatment and the rest of their communities. We need to create better laws that allow for local oversight to protect both recovering users and their neighbors.”

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