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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

26 March 19, 2019

CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Re:

Social Host Ordinance Implemented in the Unincorporated County Areas Known as "Academy Hill," "Westfield," and "the Estates"

Dear Supervisors:

On February 26, 2019, your Board instructed the Office of the County Counsel to prepare and submit an ordinance making the County of Los Angeles' ("County's") "social host" ordinance permanent in the unincorporated County areas known as "Academy Hill," "Westfield," and "the Estates."

The enclosed ordinance carries out this directive. It amends Title 13 to add Division 12, Chapter 13.100, and aims to prevent and reduce the consumption or ingestion of alcohol and/or cannabis by underage persons, or facilitation of the consumption of alcoholic beverages, or ingestion of cannabis, by underage persons at parties, gatherings or other events held at residences or other private property. The ordinance also substitutes the word, "marijuana" with "cannabis" to ensure the terminology is consistent with other County ordinances. In addition, the ordinance allows underage persons and "responsible persons," as detailed in the ordinance, to serve community service in lieu of a monetary fine.

If adopted, the ordinance will be implemented in the unincorporated County areas of "Academy Hill," "Westfield," and "the Estates." The implementation of the ordinance in these areas will ensure conformity of laws in the unincorporated area, which is surrounded by cities that have recently enacted "social host" ordinances, and where the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patrols most of the region.

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The ordinance will become effective 30 days upon its final adoption by your Board.

Enclosed is the ordinance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Senior Assistant County Counsel Dawyn R. Harrison at (213) 974-1807, Assistant County Counsel Lianne Edmonds at (213) 974-9704, Senior Deputy County Counsel Liliana Campos at (213) 974-1958, or Deputy County Counsel Norayr Zurabyan at (213) 974-1796.

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