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The Honorable Tom Umberg
Senate District 29
1021 O Street, Room 6520
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Susan Eggman
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8530
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1338 (Umberg and Eggman)
Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program Support

Dear Senator Umberg and Senator Eggman:

On behalf of the City of Huntington Beach, I want to express our support of Senate Bill 1338, the CARE Court proposal. A major priority for our City continues to be addressing our State's homelessness and mental health crisis, and I feel strongly that your legislation helps provide the support and resources needed.

CARE Court connects a person struggling with untreated mental illness and often substance use challenges with a court-ordered Care Plan for up to 24 months. Each plan is managed by a care team in the community and can include clinically prescribed, individualized interventions with several supportive services, medication, and a housing plan. The client-centered approach also includes a public defender and supporter to help make self-directed care decisions in addition to their full clinical team, as well as opportunities for early engagement and settlement agreements for treatment plans.

CARE Court is designed on the evidence that many people can stabilize, begin healing, and exit homelessness in less restrictive, community-based care settings. This is a long-term strategy to positively impact the individual in care and the community around them. The plan advances an upstream diversion from more restrictive conservatorships or incarceration.

Thank you again for your leadership, determination, and hard work on this critical policy topic.

Sincerely,

Barbara Delgleize
Mayor
City of Huntington Beach