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January 18, 2024

To:

City of Pompano Beach
Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members:

We understand that 1st Step Behavioral Health, a FARR certified recovery residence provider, is before you this evening seeking accommodation from the spacing distance imposed between community residences under the city's zoning code. We write in support of this application and look forward to having another FARR certified recovery residence in the City of Pompano Beach.

The Florida Association of recovery residences ("FARR") is the state appointed entity pursuant to s. 397.487, Florida Statutes, responsible for the certification and oversight of the state's recovery residences. FARR certified recovery residences serve an important role in our communities by providing supportive drug and alcohol-free family living environments for persons in recovery from substances disorders.

Mr. Jeffrey Lynne, Esq., serves as special outside counsel to FARR regarding zoning matters specifically relating to recovery residences throughout the State of Florida.

We ask that all due consideration and accommodation be provided to the applicant and to their request so that more FARR certified recovery residences are welcomed into your city.

Sincerely,

Micah Robbins

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