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RE: We Step Up Sober Living Inc

To the City of Pompano Beach and Esteemed Members of the Zoning Board,

Since 2014, I have been a dedicated member of the First Step Behavioral Health team, currently serving as the Chief Operations Officer. My extensive knowledge and experience encompass all levels of care, both from the perspective of a client and as a provider of assistance.

Through this correspondence, I aim to express my support for the "We Step Up Sober Living" Family Community Residence.

From the standpoint of a reputable treatment center in South Florida, it is often challenging to secure appropriate post-treatment accommodations for our clients when we lack the necessary space. We strive diligently to find safe environments where individuals can rest and continue to build their recovery foundations alongside like-minded peers. The establishment of another trusted living option for these deserving individuals is a welcome addition.

Furthermore, as a Recovery Residence situated in close proximity to the proposed site of "We Step Up," I believe this community would significantly benefit the area. We would be eager to collaborate in our shared mission of providing Pompano Beach with valuable members of society, thereby helping to reduce the stigma associated with addiction and mental health issues.

Thank you for considering the approval of the "We Step Up Sober Living" location, and for your commitment to being part of the solution.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Naz Andekian".

Naz Andekian

Chief Operating Officer

First Step Behavioral Health