

COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS

(Please submit completed paperwork to Commission Staff)

Meeting Date: 09-13-2017

AGENDA ITEM/S

- 1) Approval of Motion 186
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MOTION

Whereas, harm can often be reduced for intravenous drug users by offering safe injection sites, and

Whereas, such harm reduction strategies have been proven in numerous cases to be a “bridge to treatment”, and

Whereas, lives can be saved and medical and other costs can be lowered through the use of safe injection sites,

Now Therefore, the Los Angeles County Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (COAD) recommends to the County Board of Supervisors the following:

1. Support of AB 186 in the California Legislature, and
2. Should AB 186 become law, support for its implementation in Los Angeles County, with services to be provided whenever possible by certified addiction counselors who can more effectively serve as a “bridge to treatment” and other needed services to promote recovery of IV drug users and support their families.