

## Land Use and Zoning Issues for Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facilities



Join Nelson Hardiman and the American Addiction Treatment Association

(AATA) on June 15th for "Land Use and Zoning Issues for Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facilities." Learn more about the protections afforded by federal law to small group homes used for the purpose of residential drug rehabilitation. Including navigating NIMBYism, land use laws, and the limitations on siting sober living and addiction treatment facilities.

Overview: As group homes proliferated nationally, conflicts arose between property owners concerned over their families' safety and their property values ("Not In My Back Yard" or "NIMBY"), on one side, and group home operators and disability rights advocates, on the other. Some local governments responded by enacting zoning and other ordinances that restricted, among other things, where and how many group homes could operate in the community and required operators to notify local officials before they opened a home. The "pendulum swing" is highly concerning to many in the industry based on the anticipated constraints and restrictions on growth in a time of insufficient access to meet the need for addiction treatment. It is also destabilizing to operators, investors, and prospective acquirers uncertain about how industry land use regulation is likely to evolve. What are the protections afforded by federal law to small group homes used for the purpose of residential drug rehabilitation?

Our presenters include <u>Harry Nelson</u>, Esq. and <u>Kathryn Russo</u>, Esq. with Nelson Hardiman, both are CA licensed attorneys giving strategic advice on new opportunities and advising on traditional business, transactional, and regulatory matters.

When: Wednesday July 27nd, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM PDT

Who will benefit: owners, operators, investors, and employees of residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs, and sober living facilities. Health professionals, attorneys, marketers, and other professionals who work in addiction treatment will also benefit from this program.