

Election Date: April 9, 2024
 Jurisdiction: City of Lancaster
 Measure ID: Measure C

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

As a community leader, I strongly advocate for the advisory vote on establishing a drug treatment program in Lancaster, similar to the effective Teen Challenge model. This initiative is a crucial step in addressing the increasing drug-related issues within our community. The City Council is working with local churches, synagogues, and other religious groups to reach people in need.

The Need for a Local Drug Treatment Program

Drug abuse is a challenge that touches many lives, undermining health, safety, and community well-being. A local drug treatment program offers essential support, enabling individuals struggling with addiction to reclaim control over their lives and futures.

Benefits of In-Person and In-Home Treatment:

- **Personalized Care:** Tailoring treatment to individual needs is crucial, especially given the diverse circumstances and challenges faced by those affected by drug abuse.
- **Family and Community Involvement:** Encouraging family and community engagement in the recovery process is key to lasting success, providing a strong network of support.
- **Local Accessibility:** A program within our community ensures easier access, ongoing support, and better integration of recovered individuals back into society.
- **Preventing Long-Term Consequences:** Early and effective intervention can prevent chronic health issues, reduce crime, and decrease the economic burden associated with drug abuse.


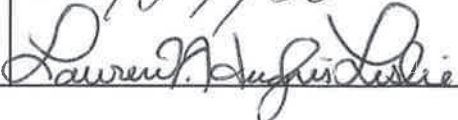
A Call to Action:

This vote goes beyond mere procedure; it's a collective step towards a healthier, safer Lancaster. Your support for this initiative is pivotal. It signals to our City Council the community's resolve to confront the challenges of drug abuse head-on.

A favorable vote on this measure is a commitment to positive change, providing hope and practical solutions to those affected by drug addiction.

Thank you for considering this significant initiative. **Together, let's effect positive change.**

The undersigned author(s) of the Argument in Favor of ballot Measure C at the General Municipal Election for the City of Lancaster to be held on April 09, 2024, hereby states that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

Name/Organization	Signature	Date
R. REX PARRIS/ Mayor, City of Lancaster		11/29/23
LAUREN HUGHES-LESLIE/ Councilmember, City of Lancaster		11/29/23