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**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Community Impact Statement

May 16, 2023

**RE: *Assembly Bill 665***

Dear Councilmembers/elected officials:

The Arleta Neighborhood Council *does not* support [Assembly Bill 665](#). This bill aims to *remove parents or guardians of children age 12 or older from being included and involved in the decision making when it comes to counseling, mental health treatment, outpatient services, or residential shelter purposes.*<sup>1</sup>

This bill, much like Senate Bill 145<sup>2</sup> regarding the registry of sex offenders (as it relates to minors) and its criteria that was approved by the California State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Newsom in 2020, AB 665 in its attempts to update Section 6924 of the Family Code to be inclusive of youth's sexual orientation preferences—has the potential for the state to not only dissolve but *drive a wedge* into the sanctity of the cohesiveness that is to be maintained between youth and parents—particularly of those who do not subscribe to or do not approve of, and even those that do approve of, non-traditional sexual orientation and ways of life.

It is very unfortunate when children become wards of the State and the guardians are clinicians and government administrators but a child is not of the legal age of consent if they are below 18. California Family Code, Section 6501, states "an adult is an individual who is 18 years of age or older."<sup>3</sup> Likewise, Section 6500 of the Family Code states "a minor is an individual who is under 18 years of age."<sup>4</sup> A minor does not reach maturity at age 12 and many will argue that not even at age 18 and thereafter.

Therefore, Assembly Bill 665 grossly impacts Arleta and all communities and cities of the State of California. The Arleta Neighborhood Council opposes AB 665 and it requests that the City of Los Angeles and its Mayor communicate to State representatives and other elected officials to oppose this bill.

Respectfully,

The Arleta Neighborhood Council

Opinions expressed in this Community Impact Statement are those of the Arleta Neighborhood Council and not necessarily those of the City of Los Angeles

<sup>1</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB665](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB665)

<sup>2</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200SB145](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB145)

<sup>3</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=FAM&division=11.&title=&part=1.&chapter=&article=](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=FAM&division=11.&title=&part=1.&chapter=&article=)

<sup>4</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=FAM&sectionNum=6500](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=FAM&sectionNum=6500)

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