

Typical Community Objections/Responses to Large Family Child Care Permit



challenge:

response:

Is the existing small FCCH licensed?

Know the status of existing license, and the date/year of the last visit. *CDSS Community Care Licensing http://cclid.ca.gov/ChildCareL_1728.htm

FCCH does not fit with the Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's)

State Policy trumps CC&Rs*
*California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing http://cclid.ca.gov/ChildCareL_1728.htm

There are not enough parking spaces in driveway and/or on street for child care parents to drop-off and pick up children, and for staff.

Average time for drop-off & pick-up children is 5-6 minutes. Know the city parking space requirements for FCCH by reviewing the planning department codes. Know resident parking habits.

Retired gardeners can't enjoy their yard with FCCH next door

Children playing in the FCCH yard create noise that is within normal neighborhood levels. FCCH providers can limit outdoor play to hours when neighbors are least likely to be disturbed after 9:00 AM and before 5:00 PM*

The street was not designed for child care parents; too much traffic will make the street unsafe to play in; there is only one-way in and out of neighborhood.

Parents arrive and depart over hours in the morning and evening – not all at once; Large FCCH would add no more than a dozen cars; Know the Trip study from city planning department; There may be fewer cars if parents drive siblings together and/or if Provider has own children in FCCH.

There is already child care; there is another FCCH in the neighborhood or within a few blocks

There is more demand than supply for child care.* FCCH provide home-like setting for children Parents want choice in child care.
*Child Care Needs Assessment from the Child Care Planning Council in your county.

A provider could not keep 14 children safe from fire.

CA State Fire Inspectors are responsible. Large FCCHs are inspected by the Fire Marshall and must meet extra requirements for safety.

Non-conforming lot size or small house is not fair for children.

California Community Care licensing is responsible for granting licenses.*
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Residential neighborhoods are no place for profit-making businesses; "our" children belong; FCCH children do not.

FCCHs are not considered home-based businesses by State; this is "Not In My Back Yard or NIMBY."

Property values will decrease if a FCCH is nearby; Home-sellers will have to declare there is child care nearby.

Property values do not correlate with child care/FCCH. Some buyers may appreciate FCCH close by.

Strangers will be introduced to neighborhood;there will be an increase in vandalism.

FCCH can be "eyes on site" in the neighborhood. Since the provider is home, not away at work, it may decrease vandalism