

June 14, 2019

Los Angeles County Superior Court
210 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

For Informational Purposes

Dear Sir or Madam:

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (“SCA”) is a sexual recovery program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Part of our recovery is to carry a message of hope to those who still suffer. Materials about the SCA program are available at www.scalosangeles.org. Some judicial officers choose to sentence individuals arrested for lewd conduct or similar charges to attend a certain number of SCA meetings in lieu of (or in addition to) incarceration, community service, restitution, and other requirements.

Over the years, many individuals referred by the courts have gained awareness of the addictive nature of their behaviors through attendance at meetings and have been able to change their behavior and avoid further involvement with the court system. We count among our permanent members many who first came to us through the courts but voluntarily remained active SCA members even after their judicially imposed participation was satisfied.

Our primary purpose is to stay sexually sober and to help others to achieve sexual sobriety. Sexual sobriety is defined by each member. We are not here to repress our God-given sexuality, but to learn how to express it in ways that will not make unreasonable demands on our time and energy, place us in legal jeopardy, or endanger our mental, physical or spiritual health.

We do not charge enrollment or any other fees, although we are self-supporting through our own voluntary contributions collected at meetings, which cover costs including rent for meeting spaces, recovery literature, and other expenses. We also do not require members to register to attend meetings, nor do we maintain membership lists. In keeping with our Twelve Traditions, our members may remain anonymous if they choose.

Since 1973, our main demographic has been gay and bisexual men and women. Nevertheless, our fellowship includes all members of the community, and all are welcome. We have several meetings held daily at locations throughout the Los Angeles and Southern California areas, and one Spanish-speaking meeting per week in downtown Los Angeles.

When sentencing or considering diversionary alternatives or supplements to incarceration, we respectfully ask that you keep in mind that SCA is a program dealing with sexual compulsion in its various forms. However, please be aware that SCA does not provide psychological counseling, anger management, or HIV/AIDS or sexually transmitted disease education. Also, prior difficult experiences with court-directed attendees in our meetings have convinced us that sentencing violent offenders or those convicted of unrelated offenses to attend SCA meetings may create safety and security problems that we wish to avoid.

The enclosed court signature form can be used to track an individual's attendance at SCA meetings. At meetings that sign court forms, if the attendee has followed the meeting's attendance guidelines, the meeting's secretary will note the individual's attendance on the form. However, in keeping with our Twelve Traditions and the anonymous nature of our group, **the group does not provide any reporting beyond the attendance tracked on the court signature form. For example, our meetings do not provide official letters of progress or similar reports.**

If you have any questions or would like additional information about our program, please call one of the SCA information lines: (323) 570-2659 (in English) or (818) 660-5034 (in Spanish), or send an email to legaloutreach@scalosangeles.org.

You may wish to ask your clerk to retain copies of the enclosures in his or her files. The meeting list and court signature form are available on our website. To avoid disappointment if a meeting schedule has changed, we encourage those ordered to attend SCA meetings as part of their sentence to check the website for the latest meeting schedule at <http://www.scalosangeles.org/meetings>. The meeting list can be downloaded from this website.

Thank you for your efforts in raising awareness in our community that there is hope, help and sobriety for those who are suffering the ill effects of sexual compulsion.

Very truly yours,

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous of Los Angeles

Enclosures:

- Meeting List
- Court Signature Form