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February 18, 2023

The Honorable Rex Richardson  
Mayor  
City of Long Beach  
411 W Ocean Blvd  
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Warehouse Development Proposal at 5910 Cherry Avenue

Dear Mayor Richardson and Members of the City Council:

I write to urge the City Council to conduct a full environmental review of the proposed development of a large warehouse and adjacent office space at 5910 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90805, which is located in my Congressional District. This project is being appealed by residents of North Long Beach who have valid apprehensions about the potential environmental, health, and quality of life impacts of this project. As of today, the impacts of this project have not been fully assessed because an environment review has not been conducted. By completing a thorough environmental review of this proposal, the city and residents will have a greater understanding of how this large industrial development, which is proposed at an address only one block away from a residential community and across the street from small businesses, will affect our community.

In October of 2022, the City of Long Beach Planning Commission approved this project, despite organized labor and several North Long Beach residents expressing serious concerns with the project as currently proposed. The Traffic Assessment of the project determined that the operations of this proposed warehouse facility would result in an additional 180 truck trips daily. An environmental review is needed to accurately project how these additional truck trips and other warehouse operations will affect air quality, noise pollution, surface street condition, and other impacts.

As the Representative of California's 44<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, I urge the city council to pause consideration of the proposed project until a full environmental review is completed and my constituents have a greater understanding of how this large warehouse and its operations will impact their health and the quality of their lives.

Sincerely,

*Nanette Diaz Barragán*

Nanette Diaz Barragán  
Member of Congress

**From:** Raul Cedillo [mailto:cedilloraulj@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2023 10:45 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment Cherry Ave Warehouse Project

**-EXTERNAL-**

I am a member of the Long Beach community and I strongly oppose the project on Cherry Ave. Whilst I may be opposed I know you're intent is to push forward. I demand all environmental recommendations be heeded and acted upon to mitigate any negative effects should this project of yours commence construction.

Raul Cedillo, MBA  
Long Beach Community Leader,  
Educator and Civil Advocate.

**From:** Victor Contreras [mailto:vcggusd@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:34 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** February 21st City Council agenda item # 9

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I Victor Contreras, Long Beach resident who lives just 1,584 feet from 5910 Cherry Ave is writing today to express my concerns with this project which was not fully transparent with the public

I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave and request a full EIR for this project.

I'm concerned about my family and children's health. My father who was recently ill by COVID-19 pandemic and intubated for 2 months lives with me. His lungs are no longer at full capacity and adding more traffic/ trucks to contaminate our streets will affect his health even further. The streets are already in bad physical condition and adding more trucks would further deteriorate our infrastructure, not to say would increase the traffic, noise and stress to our community members who frequently travel these streets. There is already limited parking in our streets due to trucks being parked, we do not need more trucks operating 24/7.

According to CalEnviroScreen, North Long Beach has high levels of air pollution that endanger human health by causing respiratory conditions such as asthma, wheezing, decreased lung function, increased likelihood of hospital visits, heart disease, and even early death.

Research shows these kinds of projects bring traffic, noise, and pollution to nearby neighborhoods, putting the health of the community in danger and diminishing the quality-of-life.

The city should ask for a plan EIR of the area and adopt a set of regulations to reduce/control pollution before approving these kinds of developments. Having a plan EIR in place before the approval of new developments will identify the proper mitigation and conditions to protect the health of the community and facilitate the project's approval while encouraging responsible developments.

Adopting policies to guide warehouse development in the city's general plan will also help jurisdictions comply with their obligations under SB 1000. This requires local government general plans to identify objectives and policies to reduce health risks in disadvantaged communities, promote civil engagement in the public decision-making process, and prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

This is not about just limiting the harmful PM emissions from trucks, but about mitigating long standing pollution in the air, land, and water, and improving the quality of life, as promised, in the communities most burdened by overall pollution.

I urge the city council to protect our health by approving the appeal and requesting a full EIR.

Implement other projects which will benefit our community, not harm.

Sincerely,

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*Victor Contreras*

**From:** Adrian Lopez [mailto:lopezmi.adrian@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2023 11:25 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment Cherry Ave Warehouse Project

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hi,

My name is Adrian Lopez. I am an almost teacher who lives walking distance from the proposed project at 5910 Cherry Avenue. I have grown up in that neighborhood my entire life. As a member of the people who will be most impacted by the implementation of the project. I strongly oppose the proposed warehouse at 5910 Cherry Ave. I believe that it will have long term effects on not only the quality of streets, but, also negatively impact the health and quality of life of the underrepresented demographic living in the community.

I recognize the city is currently in a push to gentrify, but I urge you not to give up on the 9th district. We matter, after working our 40 weeks, please do not subject us to the unhealthy quality of these vehicles polluting our space and the streets we wish to traverse in peace.

I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave, urge you to reconsider, and request a full EIR for this project.

Sincerely,  
Adrian Lopez

**From:** Kelly McDonagh [mailto:kmcdonagh28@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 12:08 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** February 21st City Council agenda item # 9

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am a resident of North Long Beach concerned for the health and safety of my family and neighbors. **I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave and request a full EIR for this project.**

The air pollution and traffic in this area of the city is already a concern and adding more trucks will be devastating to the residents and their families.

According to CalEnviroScreen, North Long Beach has high levels of air pollution that endanger human health by causing respiratory conditions such as asthma, wheezing, decreased lung function, increased likelihood of hospital visits, heart disease, and even early death.

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**I urge the city council to protect our health by approving the appeal and requesting a full EIR.**

Sincerely,  
Kelly McDonagh

**From:** Nicholas Papaleo [mailto:nicholas.papaleo@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:23 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** February 21st City Council agenda item # 9

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Nicholas Papaleo and am a member of the community that will be impacted by this warehouse.

**I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave and request a full EIR for this project for a number of reasons.**

I'm concerned about my health and the health of the children in the neighborhood, have asthma and on days when the air pollution is really bad, I have a difficult time breathing and functioning as normal.

Traffic is already bad and noisy, particularly the corner of 91 and Cherry is incredibly difficult to deal with during peak hours and the traffic associate with this new facility will only make matters worse.

This warehouse will do absolutely nothing for the community and instead will only be detrimental to our health, home values, and quality of life. I urge you to not let this community down.

According to CalEnviroScreen, North Long Beach has high levels of air pollution that endanger human health by causing respiratory conditions such as asthma, wheezing, decreased lung function, increased likelihood of hospital visits, heart disease, and even early death.

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**I urge the city council to protect our health by approving the appeal and requesting a full EIR.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas Papaleo



**From:** Myles Roach [mailto:mylesgiants08@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2023 10:07 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Warehouse Development on 5910 cherry avenue

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello,

I oppose the warehouse development on 5910 cherry ave. Long Beach needs to solve our air quality issues with green spaces, not a warehouse having trucks come by 24/7 which will be horrible for the environment. Concerned Long Beach citizens, like myself, are requesting a full EIR be done for this project before it moves further.

Myles Roach

**From:** Tatiana Roque [mailto:tatiana21roque@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:00 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** February 21st City Council agenda item # 9

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Tatiana Roque and I reside in North Long Beach. **I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave and request a full EIR for this project.** The 91 freeway is near this area and will only create more traffic all along Cherry Ave. The intersection of Cherry and Harding has been known to have recurring car accidents.

It is the responsible thing to do to provide a full EIR for this project. According to CalEnviroScreen, North Long Beach has high levels of air pollution that endanger human health by causing respiratory conditions such as asthma, wheezing, decreased lung function, increased likelihood of hospital visits, heart disease, and even early death.

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Sincerely,  
Tatiana

**From:** Estela Contreras [mailto:estela.contreras02@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 4:38 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** February 21st City Council agenda item # 9

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am Estela, a local community member of North Long Beach.

I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave and request a full EIR for this project.

I am concerned about my husband and my health. We need less contamination not more, please stop this project and focus on greener projects for my community.

I urge the city council to protect our health by approving the appeal and requesting a full EIR.

Sincerely,

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*Estela Salcedo*

**From:** Elena Tucci [mailto:tucci.elena@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:52 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 9. (23-0104)

**-EXTERNAL-**

February 21, 2023  
Re: Agenda Item 9. (23-0104)

Dear Mayor Richardson and City Councilmembers,

My name is Elena Tucci and I grew up and lived in North Long Beach—the 90805—for three decades, the whole of my formative years. I still have a home and family that reside there. Even though I now reside in Bixby Knolls, I still consider myself a LBxNW (*northwesterner*).

**I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave. If City leadership chooses to continue to pursue the project, I would like to see a full EIR carried out so that the public and area residents may be informed of and understand the risks and impacts, along with the mitigations associated with this development.**

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**I urge the city council to prioritize community health by approving the appeal and requesting a full EIR.**

Thank you for your time and consideration of my views on this matter,  
Elena Tucci

201 West Bixby Road  
Long Beach, CA 90807

February 21, 2023

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Elena Tucci  
201 West Bixby Road  
Long Beach, CA 90807

**From:** Elsa Tung [mailto:[elsa@lbforward.org](mailto:elsa@lbforward.org)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:05 AM

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**Subject:** ITEM 9 (23-0104): Approve Appeal, Request Full EIR for Warehouse at 5910 Cherry Ave

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

As a District 5 homeowner, land use professional, and the City's community engagement subconsultant for UPLAN Phase 2 (North Long Beach rezoning plan), **I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave and request a full EIR for this project.**

According to CalEnviroScreen and the City's own Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), North Long Beach has high levels of air pollution that endanger human health by causing respiratory conditions such as asthma, wheezing, decreased lung function, increased likelihood of hospital visits, heart disease, and even early death.

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**I urge the City Council to protect our health by approving the appeal of Kirk Davis and Laurie Angel and requesting a full EIR.**

Sincerely,

**Elsa Mei Tung**