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Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities (CACoD)

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City of Long Beach
Mayor Robert Foster & City Council Members
333 West Ocean Blvd, 14th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mayor Foster & Council Members:

The Citizens Advisory Commission Disabilities (CACoD) is submitting our recommendations regarding the City Council's Agenda Item: 46.09-1012, relating to parking in front of private driveways.

CACoD believes that the disabled community will lose access to private driveways as a "ramp", if there is no curb ramp located at the corner. Thus, the safety of people with disabilities who use various types of mobility be in jeopardy. Therefore, we recommend prohibiting the issuance of a permit to park in front of private driveways which are adjacent to an intersection or corner that does not have a curb ramp installed or cannot have a curb ramp installed; for instance, due to a storm drain preventing such an installment. We believe this is a reasonable accommodation which will surely benefit the disabled community.

CACoD is requesting that you consider approving our recommendation by prohibiting the issuance of a permit to park in front of private driveways, under such circumstances. We will appreciate inclusion of our recommendation in the City Attorney's Ordinance amending Section 10.22.025 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

CACoD supports the resolution establishing an application fee and annual permit fee for parking in front of private driveways. However, we recommend issuance of an application fee and annual permit fee for parking in front of private driveways only if there is a curb ramp located at the corner. We would like to request an exemption for people with a disabled parking placard to be exempt from the application fee.

Mayor Foster and City Council members, thank you for your consideration regarding our recommendations. Your phenomenal commitment complying with the intent and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 199 (ADA); and, your support of CACoD are greatly appreciated.

If we can be of any further assistance; then, please feel free to contact CACoD at (562) 570-6803.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CACoD, Chairperson

cc: Deborah R. Mills, Acting Director of Dept. of Human Resources
Dora Hogan, City's ADA Compliance Officer