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Subject Support for Proposed Fire Station 12 at 1199 E. Artesia Blvd
- item 2 of January 20 Council Agenda

January 19, 2009

Mayor Foster and City Councilmembers
c/o of Larry Herrera, City Clerk
333 W. Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA. 90802

RE: Proposed Fire Station 12 at 1199 E. Artesia Blvd - Item 2 on the January 20 Council Agenda

Dear Mayor Foster and City Councilmembers,

The Board of Directors of the North Long Beach Community Action Group (NLB CAG) voted to unanimously endorse this very important project in North Long Beach.

The proposed Fire Station 12 project has been fully vetted at numerous public meetings that were held in North Long Beach that many of the NLB CAG board members and membership attended. The design team has been very responsive by listening to, and considering public comments and revising the proposed plans accordingly. At these meetings the public has been very supportive of the project and is looking forward to the day when the new fire station is open. No significant nor serious complaints were voiced at these meetings.

The proposed location is both convenient and safe. The new traffic signal at Artesia and Orange will provide for immediate response time for the fire station ensuring greater safety for North Long Beach. In addition, the signal will allow much safer ingress and egress for those traveling through the area and into and out of the neighborhood to the north.

The neighborhood to the north of the project is directly adjacent to the 91 freeway. Given the noise and pollution associated with the freeway and Fire Station 12's excellent record in its current location, we are confident that no additional noise nor pollution of any significance will occur. In fact, the proximity of the fire station to apartments and the freeway will provide a level of security and safety greater than previously experienced. Concerns associated with construction are temporary and contractors must abide by very strict noise and pollution regulations by law.

The existing fire station 12 is located in the middle of a neighborhood. Talking to council staff, we have found that over the years there have been no complaints associated with the fire station which has been in its current location since its inception in the early 1930's. The members of Fire Station 12 have proven to be very thoughtful and considerate neighbors over the decades by not engaging sirens nor lights until they are comfortably out of the neighborhood and will do so in their new location.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: "Mary Uht" [heyoulady@verizon.net]
Sent: 01/19/2009 10:25 PM PST
To: Larry Herrera
Subject: Proposed Fire Station 12

I am writing to you to voice my support of the new North Long Beach Fire Station #12, at Artesia and Orange. I am asking that you please make my message a part of the record and distribute copies to the council members.

The appellant is claiming that the station will create noise above the allowable levels as stated in the Long Beach noise ordinance. That is not a valid argument since the freeway noise level is between 60 and 70 decibels 24/7/365. Also, the present station is inadequate since it does not allow proper space for the existing firefighting apparatus (engines) and does not provide separate quarters and restrooms for female firefighters. The present location does not permit enlarging the station to meet the needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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