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Long Beach City Council  
Vice Mayor Rex Richardson  
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, Ca 90802

Dear City Council,

My name is Anna M. Soto and I'm a resident of the 9<sup>th</sup> Council District. This letter is lieu of my personally attending tonight's meeting to speak in support of your proposal to evaluate and expand short and long-term solutions to address the nuisance motels.

These specific motels have become a hub of illegal activity over the years causing much blight and crime in the surrounding areas, most notably, human trafficking.

I work as an analyst and human trafficking coordinator for the LA County Dept. of Public Health but tonight I speak as a resident who has much experience in the fight against human trafficking. I am a member of the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force and see the devastation human trafficking is wreaking in our communities, morally, financially and emotionally.

I request the City Council supports Vice Mayor Richardson's proposal so Long Beach can continue its projectile toward a safe and caring city in the State of California. I make myself available to lend political, personal and community support toward a successful implementation of the short and long-term solutions being proposed.

Blessings,

Anna M. Soto  
Chair, 63<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District, LA County Democratic Party  
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