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**Subject:** 10-11-22 Council Mtg: Item No. 16, No. 21, and No. 23

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Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, Eric Lopez, and Johnny Vallejo,

I'm writing in regards to 10-11 Council Meeting Agenda Item No. 16, No. 21, and No. 23.

**Agenda Item No. 16:** Approval of the new RHTM project that will bring 84 new townhomes to the corner of South and Atlantic.

- **Support, with the strong recommendation that the City prioritize actions so that first-time homebuyers and Long Beach long-time renters, can be occupants of these new homes.** It is a shame that **61% of our residents are renters** and there are very few paths to homeownership for Black and Latinx renters according to the [recently adopted Housing Element](#). The City of Long Beach has received \$ funding for a first-time homebuyer program (noted in the Housing element and [summary of Recovery Act here](#)), but the buyer program has not been initiated. LB residents face higher and higher housing costs each day with very few solutions to afford homes like these ones being proposed.

**Agenda Item No. 21:** Approval to begin negotiations on an expansion of the Atlantic Bridge Community.

- **Support**, the Atlantic Bridge Community has been a success and I'm proud to have such a center in my community that will be expanded to provide supportive services to the homeless population.

**Agenda Item No. 23:** Approval of the Artesia Great Boulevard Project.

- **Support**, this project, along with the other repaving of roads and streets to be done as a part of the Measure A Five-year infrastructure plan, bring much needed improvements

to North Long Beach. The improvements increase walkability and bikeability of our street corridors.

Thank you!

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