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City Clerk,

Please provide these comments to the City Council in their Feb 7 2023 packet.

COMMENTS:

I first want to assure you that I want Long Beach to be successful in dealing with the homeless crisis.

However, housing is not the root cause of homelessness. It is not the cause but it is a part of the solution. The building process is the long pole in the tent - not the funding approval.

Agenda item 28 would allow our City Manager authority to **approve any expenditure, without limit**, for any use in building housing that has a connection to the homeless crisis. The limits on what the City Manager can approve have gone from 100k to 750k and now the proposal is that he have NO LIMITS. This seems a proposal that invites corruption and does not allow for feedback on development that affects the community. The risk outweighs the benefit.

Funding/grants for building projects with affordable housing may become readily available during this homeless crisis. In a report on the LA Emergency Homeless activities they mentioned LA had received \$60million in grants. It is not appropriate to put large amounts of money in the hands of one person. We are generating the perfect storm that allows developers to game the system.

Once it is built, we are stuck with it.

Using this moment to remove controls intended to produce sound development does not serve the public.

Please vote no on this agenda item.

Respectfully,
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REFERENCES

AGENDA ITEM 28. 23-0084 Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Section 2.84.170, to temporarily suspend certain provisions of Chapter 2.84 during the proclaimed local emergency caused by homelessness; declaring the urgency thereof; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect immediately, read and adopted as read. (Citywide) (Emergency Ordinance No. ORD-23-0003)

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