



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

August 3, 2020

Long Beach City Council
411 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Support for Centro C.H.A.- City of Long Beach EDA Grant Application (August 4, 2020 Long Beach City Council Agenda Item 28)

Dear Councilmembers,

As I am unable to attend Tuesday's City Council meeting due to family matters, I am writing to express my support for Agenda 28, Centro Community Hispanic Association (Centro CHA) grant application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration to improve their expansion of the Community Business Assistance Center.

Since 2000, Centro CHA has served our City and surrounded cities by providing services ranging from workforce development programs for young adults, business assistance, immigration services and job training to the city's largest demographic: Latinos. The Community Business Assistance Center will continue to provide support to minority-owned businesses in historically underserved areas of the city.

This item has my full support. I am committed to continue our partnership with Centro CHA to expand job growth in our city and continue to support our working-class families—many thanks to our Economic Development Department for bringing this item forward.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach