

December 4, 2018

Long Beach City Council Meeting

Agenda item 2. 18-1055

I am opposed to the reduction in the price and the sale of the property located on 601-685 East Artesia Boulevard/6600-6620 Atlantic Avenue. Long Beach California 90805.

I am raising my voice in opposition to this agenda items, because this development as designed now, will be a detriment to public health and the environment.

To have a better idea of how much the city is going to gain based on the development, we are going to need to take into consideration the financial burden it will cause the city in the implementation of health programs and services to treat illness and prevent diseases that this development will bring to the area.

I understand the need of new businesses in the area and the good they may bring. I also know that implementing the right regulations and using the right tools for new developments will be key in providing a sense of happiness and wellbeing for the residents of the area. Furthermore, bringing the community public health challenges into the city's development discussion will ensure good practices and equity for our most vulnerable communities.

The purpose of this item is to benefit the developer for bringing a public space for community-service purposes. Since the project is not yet approved, I am asking you to wait for the project's approval and use this benefit to ensure that public health is on the table of discussion to protect the health of a community that is already negatively impacted by external factors. These factors are well on display in the Community Health Assessment from the Health Department.

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