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To the Mayor and Members of the Long Beach City Council  
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Sorry, but I could not attend the City Council meeting last night. However I am sharing this information because it relates directly to the low income renters issue. I happen to be looking for an apartment back in my old neighborhood, Belmont Heights. I found two I wanted to see so I called the rental agent of Pabst and Kinney, a property management company which has many Long Beach rentals listed. The person I left a message for was Greg. He left me the following message:

“You mentioned having a voucher program and I have to tell you that Pabst and Kinney does not accept any government program for rentals. If you can pay yourself and get reimbursed (no chance with Housing Authority of Long Beach-KOD) that works but we do not take third party checks.”

So this is a rental agency issue, not necessarily an apartment owner one. I have not seen this addressed in any current proposals. Unfortunately, I do not see any incentive for property managers like Pabst and Kinney to change their policy since they do not have owner proprietary interests. The only thing I can think of is to get permission to contact the owner and request an exception. However, I do not think this will fly because owners turn to property managers so they do not have to deal with renters to begin with. I doubt that property managers understand the advantages of subsidized renting in terms of renter stability, etc., but even education there is a soft sell. What is needed is a reward to the property managers for convincing the owners to rent subsidized. I suggest a trip to Hawaii - LOL. Seriously, this seems to be an insurmountable barrier to low income renters in Long Beach. Perhaps Alison King might have some ideas.

I think that the City Council need organized input from low income renters to get the whole lay of the land. Otherwise you might think you've solved a problem when you haven't.

Sincerely,

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