



May 19, 2020

Mayor Dr. Robert García  
Members of the City Council  
City of Long Beach  
411 Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90802  
Sent Via: Email

**Subject:** Open Streets Initiative - Agenda Item #11

Dear Mayor García and Members of City Council:

I write to you on behalf of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, our 773 members, representatives, and community stakeholders. We are in support of the Open Streets initiative and look forward to the report back from City Staff on creative ways to craft space that would support our small businesses, including many restaurants that are in desperate need of a workable solution during this crisis.

We applaud the City Council for bringing this solution forward to assist the local business community. This initiative will open more public spaces for outdoor dining and activities as well as transit access, while simultaneously setting our local economy back on a path to recovery. We believe that this is a great solution for our businesses while adequately providing the necessary space for the health and safety of our residents.

Our businesses know that we are treading in new waters and the only path forward is to adapt to our new situation. We are willing and ready to support the City's efforts to safely reopen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Gordon  
President/CEO  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce