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May 23, 2017

The Honorable Robert Garcia Mayor City of Long Beach 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 14th Floor Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Mayor Garcia:

I am writing in support of the permit for a proposed Long Beach outpatient behavioral urgent care center, which will be operated by the Stars Behavioral Health Group.

Too often individuals who suffer from mental health crises are not given the adequate care and services they need to make a positive shift in their lives. Instead, they may end up cycling in and out of hospitals and jails.

The urgent care center would provide a safe, effective alternative for these individuals. This will reduce the impact on hospital emergency rooms, the Long Beach Police Department, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

I am committed to working in partnership with you, City Council, and the residents of Long Beach to ensure that the operator is able to provide care in a way that is acceptable to the community in which it operates.

Thank you for your consideration in advance.

Sincerely,

JAN/CE HAHN

Supervisor, Fourth District County of Los Angeles

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