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Dear Council,

I support the proposal to reallocate funds to facade improvements. Here is one aspect of facades that I encourage the Council to consider: There are many historic buildings in Long Beach with old-timey painted advertising, such as the Middough's menswear shop building, Kress apartments, the Farmer's & Merchants building, and the Dolly Varden Hotel. These buildings would benefit from a fresh application of paint and lighting to restore and beautify the original art pieces and advertising. Retouching the fading paint would acknowledge and preserve the city's history while also creating a more vibrant aesthetic. It would also create funded projects (read: jobs) for local painters. Please consider using some of this funding to restore DTLB's historic facades.

Regards,
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