



February 5, 2019

Mayor Robert Garcia and Members of the City Council
333 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

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Please accept this letter in support of Council Item #23 on the Feb. 5th agenda, recommending the purchase of the property at 6841-6845 Atlantic Avenue to support the creation of a permanent shelter to serve those experiencing homelessness and those at-risk. I also strongly encourage the City to immediately begin the visioning process to develop a comprehensive campus that connects health and wellness with economic development, housing opportunities, and new amenities for the whole community.

Since 1992, Centro CHA has served as nonprofit leader in the city of Long Beach with an extensive history in providing emergency housing rental assistance, utility assistance and workforce development services for low-income families. Long Beach residents who are in imminent danger of becoming homeless or who are already homeless would highly benefit from a local centered housing shelter project that focuses on permanent shelter, quality long term housing and access to wrap-around social-economic and health and human services.

I urge you to help our city continue to make progress on this important need and invest in our communities for improved quality of life. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring every Long Beach resident has the resources and services they need to live, work, play and thrive.

Sincerely,

*Jessica Quintana, Executive Director
Centro CHA Inc.*



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As the designated Community Action Agency for the City of Long Beach, LBCAP is committed to the holistic care of low income residents. In the case of Homeless Residents the proposed permanent shelter would offer greater potential for LBCAP to collaborate with others to provide much needed services.

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Sincerely,

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Darick Simpson
Executive Director

Long Beach Community Action Partnership



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As a nonprofit organization, celebrating over 50 years of providing life-changing therapeutic aquatic and wellness programs to the community; we are dedicated to empowering individuals to live their life.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Dixon
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California Aquatic Therapy & Wellness Center ,Inc. DBA Pools of Hope

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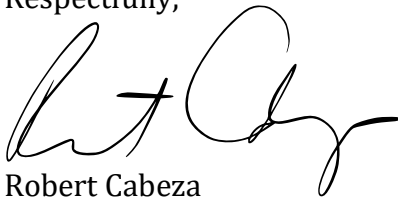
Dear Long Beach City Councilmembers:

The Community Development YMCA exists to support the YMCA of Greater Long Beach Mission by reaching out and involving the lowest income communities in Long Beach with the highest quality most cutting edge innovative programs that teach values, build skills, and create community leaders.

The Community Development YMCA supports Councilmember Richardson motion, File #: 19-0092 to purchase the real property located at 6841-6845 Atlantic Avenue for the purpose of building a year round municipal homeless shelter.

The City of Long Beach had nearly 2,000 people living on its streets in 2018, with many youth, families, and older adults at the threshold of homelessness. At least one in six LBCC students and one in ten CSULB students are experiencing homelessness. One of the Community Development YMCA's interns is currently facing homelessness. It is an ethical and moral duty to provide services to one of the City of Long Beach's most at-risk communities. This is a worthy investment for the City of Long Beach, and the Community Development YMCA backs the purchase of the property with the intent to build a year round homeless shelter run by the City of Long Beach.

Respectfully,



Robert Cabeza
Vice President of Community Development



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February 4, 2019

Councilmember Rex Richardson
City of Long Beach, Council District 9
6509 Gundry Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90805

RE: Council Item #23

I write this letter in support for Council Item #23 on the agenda for the Long Beach City Council meeting, February 5, 2019.

I support the acquisition of the referenced 3-acre land for the purposes of beginning the process of creating a year-round homeless shelter and an affordable housing campus that will provide critical wraparound services for those experiencing homelessness.

The innovative campus will also connect comprehensive health and wellness with economic development, housing opportunities and additional amenities for the entire community.

I don't have to tell you how much this facility is needed and many more like them. I congratulate the City of Long Beach for taking the lead on this important step towards uplifting the lives of those who find themselves without shelter and resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike A. Gipson".

Mike A. Gipson
Assemblymember, 64th District
Chair, Democratic Caucus

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February 1, 2019

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach

Re: 19-0092 Purchase of properties at 6841-6845 Atlantic Avenue to provide emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness

Dear Dr. Robert Garcia and City Council Members:

It is with excitement and hope that I write to you today in support of the recommendation by city staff to purchase the property at 6841-6845 Atlantic Avenue and to immediately move forward with the Everyone Home Long Beach Initiative's goal of developing a year-round, low-barrier emergency shelter to serve the most vulnerable members of our community—the unsheltered and those experiencing homelessness. In addition to being an important part of the EHLB recommendations, this has been a long-term goal of the service-providing community in Long Beach to have this resource available to help combat the crisis of homelessness we are experiencing throughout the city, county and region.

The City of Long Beach has done a commendable job of building a staff and network of service providing agencies within our Coordinated Entry System (CES) and Continuum of Care (CoC) to address the complicated and challenging issue of homelessness. The emergency shelter resource will be a critical next step in enhancing the capabilities and capacity to address the growing scale of the problem. Mayor Garcia, I thank you for your perseverance and leadership along with the "Big 11" mayors to help make this opportunity today possible and the HEAP funding a reality.

Councilman Rex Richardson, Councilman Al Austin, and the entire North Long Beach community are to be commended for continuously saying 'yes' to the question of providing emergency services in our city for the most vulnerable—both in the hosting of our annual winter shelter program, and in the support of this new resource. It was my good fortune to be there to support Councilman Richardson and his neighborhood leaders in coming together around this new opportunity. These leaders are a model for the entire city and county in stepping up to support the solutions to this crisis. I say this in the spirit of supporting these solutions in my own neighborhood and in the knowledge that this is just one step of many we need to take as a city to combat the housing and homelessness crisis. Ultimately, for the Department of Health and our partnering agencies to be successful in the long-term on this issue, we need to expand our affordable housing and supportive housing capacity to match the scale of the enormous problem we face in the city and throughout the county. If we fail to do so,

we will immediately reach capacity within seconds of opening this new shelter and will have no hope of transitioning these folks into long-term solutions and permanent shelter (which is the purpose of an emergency shelter program within an integrated homelessness prevention system). Furthermore, without the development of housing of ALL market levels needed in our thriving economy for both the business leaders wanting to open shop here as well as the younger generations of Long Beachers beginning their adult lives here, our residents will continue to experience displacement and growing poverty levels as rents eat-up a higher and higher percentage of paychecks among our working class. Governor Newsome has demonstrated a superb understanding of these issues in his first few weeks in office and we as a city and community need to support the Governor and the state legislature in tackling the structural issues that have got us to where we are in this crisis. If we don't, the crisis will grow worse and we'll need to build MORE shelters, more affordable housing, and more emergency solutions throughout the city and county. Not fixing the housing crisis will threaten our growth and our economy. Saying 'yes' to housing will mean lowering the cost burden of our at-risk and working-class citizens, ending displacement, giving people more buying power with their paychecks, and lifting people out of poverty.

I encourage you all to support this big first step today of moving forward on our new emergency shelter. We are indeed in a crisis and I hope everyone involved can move quickly to get this resource online as soon as possible. I will continue to do everything I can with my commission work at the County of Los Angeles, in partnership with our city staff to piece together the resources we need to ensure the success of this important program.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Kerr

Andrew J. Kerr
Vice Chair of the Everyone Home Long Beach Initiative
County of Los Angeles Measure H Citizen Oversight Advisory Commission



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Mayor Garcia and Members of the City Council
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Sent Via Electronic Mail

RE: Support for Item 23 on 2-5-19 Council Agenda re: Creation of a Permanent Shelter

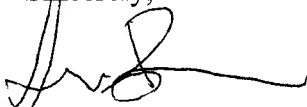
Dear Mayor Garcia and Members of the City Council,

We submit this letter in support of Item #23 on this evening's City Council agenda, which recommends the purchase of the property at 6841-6845 Atlantic Avenue to support the creation of a permanent shelter to serve those experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of homelessness. As an anti-poverty non-profit law firm, we see firsthand the great need for more affordable housing and a year round permanent homeless shelter in Long Beach.

We encourage the City to work with community stakeholders to develop a site that includes supportive services such as health and wellness services, economic development services and housing search and placement assistance.

We urge your support for this item, as it is a step towards housing stability for those without homes. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,



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Senior Attorney

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Dear Council Members:

Homelessness is a crisis affecting the entire state, including right here in Long Beach. The City has taken great steps to design a plan through the "Everyone Home Long Beach Task Force Recommendations" to help address homelessness in Long Beach. I am very encouraged by the innovative ideas being implemented and supportive of the idea of developing a village-style campus of supportive services for people experiencing homelessness. It is inspiring to see the monies that the Legislature appropriated through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) being used to help provide supportive services, including a year-round homeless shelter with 125 beds.

I commend the City Council on these efforts and support the steps necessary to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

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ANTHONY RENDON
63rd Assembly District





Khmer Girls in Action

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February 5, 2019

Office of Councilmember Rex Richardson
6509 Gundry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805
Council District 9

RE: Permanent Shelter and Development

Dear Councilmember Richardson,

On behalf of Khmer Girls in Action, we write in strong support of the purchase of the land for the future permanent shelter and development in North Long Beach. We believe this will address local homelessness and housing shortages in Long Beach. Khmer Girls in Action is a community-based organization that provides leadership development for Southeast Asian and low income youth of color and their families. We uplift and address the issues that impact low income communities of color and youth.

Long Beach has been a sanctuary home for many immigrants and refugees by providing services that reflects the needs of the community throughout the years and we are hopeful to continue building and investing in the youth, their families and communities. Being an organization that serves the Cambodian population and the needs of underserved residents, we want to continue to support the efforts of district 9 to give Long Beach residents a safe and healthy community.

This 3-acre land acquisition will set the stage to create a year-round homeless shelter and develop an affordable housing campus that will provide wraparound services for those experiencing homelessness. It's an opportunity to create comprehensive health and wellness services with economic development, housing opportunities, and new amenities for the whole community.

With environmental and economic changes, the rise of homelessness is a high priority and it is more important than ever for Long Beach to invest in the needs of the community so they can live well and thrive. For these reasons, Khmer Girls in Action strongly support your effort in this land acquisition to create additional affordable housing and improve prevention and response to homelessness in Long Beach.

Sincerely,
Lian Cheun
Executive Director



February 5, 2019

Dear Long Beach City Councilmembers and Mayor:

Long Beach Forward is pleased to support item 23 (File #19-0092) on tonight's council agenda to purchase property at 6841 Atlantic Ave. in North Long Beach for the purpose of establishing a year-round homeless shelter.

Long Beach Forward is a community-based organization with the vision that race and income do not determine one's future in Long Beach--it's a community where everyone is safe, connected, and healthy.

As Executive Director of Long Beach Forward, I recently served on the Everyone Home Long Beach Task Force which focused on the statewide homelessness crisis and its impacts on Long Beach.

In addition to taking proactive steps to prevent homelessness, it is important to serve those who are currently experiencing homelessness. We know that there is a shortage of shelter beds in the city and that this proposed year-round homeless shelter is one important step toward meeting this need.

We encourage the Council to work with North Long Beach neighbors to ensure that this shelter is a successful model that can lay the groundwork for future efforts to address the needs of Long Beach's homeless residents.

Long Beach Forward also encourages the Council to continue to work toward policy that addresses the root causes of homelessness.

Sincerely,

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Christine E. Petit, PhD
Executive Director