



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

August 30, 2022

Chair Joni Ricks-Oddie
Planning Commission, City of Long Beach
411 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Chair Ricks-Oddie and Planning Commissioners:

This week you will be considering an item on the Riverpark Residential Project. I am writing in strong support of this project. Its approval will support the housing and environmental goals in our city and have a positive impact on our community.

The Riverpark Residential Project will play an important role in the city's plan to create more housing and to address the issue of housing insecurity. Not only will the project create 226 new housing units, but it will also provide 12 units of affordable housing. This will move our city closer to accomplishing not only our own housing goals, but the goal set out by the State – upholding our city's record as a national leader and model.

In addition to providing housing, the project will improve and stimulate the surrounding community. It will do so by eliminating a contaminated site and replacing it with 5 acres of new park, dog park improvements, and upgrades to the city-owned park it will be located adjacent to. The recreational opportunities that this development will provide will be enormously beneficial to the surrounding Wrigley Heights community and our entire city.

Thank you for your consideration and your hard work on behalf of our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach