

October 24, 2017

Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, District #1
Long Beach City Hall, 14th floor
333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 14th floor
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez:

"Hello". I am a constituent of Congressman Alan Lowenthal and a resident of Long Beach, California for more than 35 years.

Your assistance and support are greatly needed. How can you help?

PLEASE SUPPORT: a federal mandate to install a safe and accessible collection box (nearby or adjacent to) a collection box for vehicular usage, wherever necessary, throughout the United States of America.

Why?

THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ARE KNOWN FOR BEING PROGRESSIVE, INNOVATIVE and PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE!

Why?

This is not an idea; but, an imperative because if you give access to people with automobiles then access must be given to every person.

Why?

This will expedite the approval and installation of a safe and accessible collection box on the sidewalk for **all** pedestrians throughout California; then, throughout the United States of America.

Congressman Alan Lowenthal began helping me on **August 11, 2014** because I received no assistance from the Post Office despite my diligence and consistent efforts since November 2013.

Please refer to the attached documents regarding the PROJECT:

Two photos depicting usage of the vehicular collection box by a pedestrian; two photos reflecting accessibility concerns; multiple written correspondences; THE MIRACLE WITHIN YOUR BOX (history) and (thank you).

Thank goodness, Congressman Alan Lowenthal stopped the potential “demise” of the safe and accessible collection box which was finally installed on September 29, 2017.

Hopefully, all pedestrians will see the Miracle Within Your Box, and not just walk on by;

but, be grateful that danger and potentially serious injuries are prevented. Thank you, collection box on the sidewalk. The Miracle Within Your Box is a blessing!

I am also thankful for the great assistance from his staff, Donna Jimenez Carlos, M.P.A.; Senior Constituent Services Representative; Mark Pulido, Deputy Chief of Staff and Julie Tran, Office Manager and Field Representative (former).

I am very thankful for the opportunity to directly participate in this project with the blessing of Congressman Alan Lowenthal and his staff to submit written responses; to speak at the City of Long Beach's : Federal Legislative Committee; Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities and City Council meetings. What an honor and a privilege!

Your phenomenal and prompt assistance by supporting a federal mandate is greatly needed and appreciated.

Please submit your responses to: Congressman Alan Lowenthal, 47th District- Congressional District of California; Long Beach District Office; 100 W. Broadway; West Tower, Suite 600; Long Beach, California 90802 (phone [562-436-3828](tel:562-436-3828); fax [562-437-6434](tel:562-437-6434)).

Please also feel free to contact Donna Jimenez Carlos, M.P.A., Senior Constituent Services Representative at Donna.Carlos@gmail.house.gov.

Thank you very much for your consideration and prompt assistance in this important matter.

Have a blessed and fantastic day!

Best regards,

Frances Emily Dawson Harris

C. Congressman Alan Lowenthal's staff:

Donna Jimenez Carlos, M.P.A.: Senior Constituent Services Representative

Mark Pulido: Deputy Chief of Staff

Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, District #1 (City of Long Beach)

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City of Long Beach's Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities (CACoD)

City of Long Beach's Federal Legislative Committee

P.S. Please excuse any mishaps which occurred in me sending you this information.

Thank you very much. Frances