

AGENDA ITEM #4

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City of Long Beach Planning Commission
333 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802

I am writing in support of the Las Ventanas affordable housing project at 1795 Long Beach Boulevard. This project will be 100% affordable and be located right next to the PCH Blue Line station. Once completed, it will add 101 new units that are targeted to working families that earn 60% of Area Median Income or less, or no more than \$48,000 annually for a family of three.

Housing costs continue to rise in Long Beach and throughout the Los Angeles region. According to the Long Beach Development Services Department, since 1989, the city has gained nearly 45,000 residents but less than 5,000 new housing units. This long-term shortage has raised rents and housing costs for working families, who find it increasingly difficult to afford housing in Long Beach. It is critically important that new affordable housing get built, especially near transit lines where residents will be able to access Metro's Blue Line and its connections.

In addition, Las Ventanas will have three ground floor retail spaces that will revitalize the corner of Long Beach and Pacific Coast Highway. The transit-oriented building and its associated street and sidewalk improvements will transform the area and make it more pedestrian friendly. The development will replace a vacant restaurant and surface parking lot. Residents will be able to access jobs in Downtown Long Beach and throughout the Greater LA region.

We strongly support this development and encourage the City Planning Commission to grant its approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Butler", is written over a horizontal line.

Josh Butler
Executive Director

