

## **AGENDA ITEM #3**

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Linda Tatum  
Director of Development Services  
And Planning Commissioners  
City of Long Beach  
333 W. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90822

Dear Linda,  
Please share this with the Commissioners at tomorrow's (June 6, 2018) Planning Commission meeting. We hope to have a board member at the meeting, but that may not pan out.

**RE: Agenda Item No. 3 (Zoning Code Amendment ZCA18-005).**

We understand and support the City's effort to streamline certain aspects of the business permitting process. In our opinion, the notification adjustments will still work well for residential neighborhoods like ours, while noticing in the high density areas will change in order to use more effective methods that will reduce the number of returned mail and un-contacted residents.

We had two major concerns and were pleased that:

1. The large signage requirement (30"x40") for noticing on the property will remain; and,
2. The review process for ADUs is going to get better in terms of property owner compliance and specific formatting of a proper permit application.

However, we have three items/suggestions to offer:

1. NOTICING: Consider adding the **Neighborhood Resource Center** as a noticing partner (you already plan to use Nextdoor.com, FaceBook, and any digital outreach you can, plus an upgraded city website to enhance the noticing for CUPs)

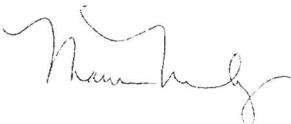


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2. PUBLIC OUTREACH: Consider conducting an outreach session with neighborhood leaders prior to bringing this to Council. The business community had input on these recommendations; however, Long Beach's strength also lies in its neighborhoods - and the juxtaposition of businesses within those neighborhoods. We believe residents should be afforded some Q&A and separate input prior to this going to vote at Council.
3. STATE RESTRICTIONS ON LOCAL CONTROL: This Commission meeting may not be the appropriate venue for this question, but the reality is some of the State bills winding through the Senate may make the June 6th discussion moot. To that end, could the commissioners discuss what city is doing to mitigate and/or oppose two Senate Bills that have gained momentum, passing through most committees without opposition? These bills work hand-in-hand to dismantle local control of municipal land use: S.B. 1469 and S.B. 831.

Thank you, Linda. Please convey our thanks to your staff as well, especially Carrie Tai. She was very helpful when we spoke yesterday via phone, answering my questions and sharing context.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maureen Neeley".

Maureen Neeley  
Interim President