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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 12:07 AM  
**To:** Alexis Oropeza <[Alexis.Oropeza@longbeach.gov](mailto:Alexis.Oropeza@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Planning Commission Application 1806-25

Hello, my name is Enrique Chavez, a 9<sup>th</sup> district resident of Long beach and Barry Drive. I am writing to the planning commission regarding application number 1806-25 and all sub applications related to it. I am resident neighbor abutting the property and directly impacted by this application. I would like to state 3 points and establish aggrieved status.

This commercial parcel has turned in spot zoning and I am asking the planning commission to reject the gift of the alley abutting my property by current 9<sup>th</sup> District Councilmen and Former Vice Mayor Rex Richardson to Atlantic and Artesia LLC c/o Tom Carpenter and Parent Company Frontier Real Estate investments LLC. I had a meeting with the 9th District Councilmen and Vice Mayor at the time, Rex Richardson and his assistant Brent McCloud in October 2017 where he said, "I already gave them the alley, the alley is theirs and that it already had his recommendation and approval and no matter what we did it would be approved". How is this even possible if a planning commission meeting had not even been scheduled. I was sent an easement agreement by the new property owners to give up our right to use the public alley (known as Charity Lane) that has existed since 1944 and that residents have used for 74 years. Keep in mind the easement agreement has a date of July 24<sup>th</sup> of 2017.

Since none of the neighbors to my knowledge have signed it. They decided to continue the takeover of the public alley with the current submitted plans, which contain shrubs adjacent and in to our alley walls/fences instead of putting the shrubs on their side of the ally. We bought our properties because they have ingress/egress to the alley. The shrubs will make it difficult for any future planning on our properties. Do not open Pandora's box and gift the alleys to businesses, the gift will cause Frontier real estate investments LLC to have an advantage over other businesses/commercial shopping centers, as other businesses will fight to own all of the city's alleys. There are multiple commercial properties in North Long beach that share alleys that are adjacent to residential homes and the residences do not have shrubs or have their properties blocked off from the alley. Case in point it brings to mind the Bixby Knolls, Cal Heights and Virginia Country Club neighborhoods.

This is an abuse on the poor, since our neighborhood is not as affluent as the neighborhoods just stated. Spot zoning is being established. We do not want offsite improvements adjacent to our property's or on the alley by this developer Frontier LLC, any improvement must be paid by the city with measure A funds, not the developer or the residents. Please respect the purpose of Measure A funds. We do not want the developer to provide a landscaped strip along the full length of the alley on the north side. We do not want the developer to reconstruct the alley, as this is the city's job. Measure A was passed to get \$48 million dollars a year to provide for infrastructure and public services. An alley is infrastructure. \$26.3 million dollars are designated for infrastructure according to the city's plans. The general fund has \$461 million dollars, 22 percent coming from property taxes. For the last 22 years the alley has never been maintained by the city or resurfaced to city code. Do not gift the alley to the developer, this is showing that the city is advocating for the developer and not the resident. We want the alley to stay public, no uniform wall, no shrubs and the continuation of ingress/egress to the alley for all neighbors. If the developer wants a uniform wall they can build it on their side and include shrubs but on their side and for the city to maintain the alley as proposed with measure A Funds.

Second, no more fast food restaurants of any type. North Long beach is Part of coalition for a healthy North Long beach. A \$1 million Dollar grant was given by Kaiser Permanente to fight obesity and diabetes and this developer wants to bring in tenants that offer more burgers, shakes and fries. Where are the promises to offer more healthy options? The developer's drawings are beautiful, healthy portrayal cartoons of people, none of them obese, living healthy lifestyles, walking, jogging. Which is the opposite with drive thru's and fast food. Please help end the struggle of North Long beach residents to find Healthy food and continue the heal zone efforts by denying the permit for additional drive thru's and fast food options.

At this point I would like the record to state the following; I thank Mr. Dan Pressburg for his letter to the planning commission and expressing his thoughts to see a better North Long beach but he does not represent the community as a whole, he is part of the Deforest Park Neighborhood Association which is member of the 11 Neighborhood Associations that make up District 9 stating that the community has been engaged by the developer and has asked input of all residents, is a false statement by him and I believe he is confused, Mr. Dan Pressburg has never met me and has no idea I am directly impacted by this and that I am an abutting neighbor but according to him he represents the community as a whole(11 Neighborhood Associations) and wants everything approved as is. I being a resident inside the



Hamilton Neighborhood Association and he being a resident of the Deforest neighborhood association. The Deforest neighborhood Association presided by Mr. Pressburg is only 1 association of 11. Mr Pressburg also is not directly affected by the takeover of an alley, or even aware that North Long Beach is considered a Heal Zone for better Healthy community. Thank you for your time. Please do not create a spot zoning. Do not gift the alley to the developer or add shrubs to the residential side of the alley. Do not approve for more unhealthy fast-food and drive-thrus impacting are neighborhood. And respect the purpose of Measure A funds and have the city maintain the alley which is their duty to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Enrique Chavez

Directly impacted neighbor abutting the Adjacent commercial property.

9<sup>th</sup>District resident

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**Melissa Shilling**

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[REDACTED]  
mscodeseeker@gmail.com

December 16, 2018

**Alexis Oropeza, Project Planner**

333 W. Ocean Blvd., 3rd Floor  
Long Beach; CA 90802

Dear Project Planner Oropeza:

I am writing to express my concern about the planned development on the corner of Atlantic and Artesia. I am a resident in a neighborhood located near the planned development. My concern is centered on the inclusion of three drive-thrus for this relatively small plot. I am particularly disappointed that community members' hopes for a sit down restaurant have been dashed. Instead of a sit-down restaurant, a drive thru fast food restaurant is part of the plan.

The placement of another drive thru fast food restaurant in our North Long Beach area adds additional health and environmental burdens to our area. The addition of another fast food restaurant on the corner of Atlantic and Artesia poses multiple health related risks beyond the menu. These concerns include the following: exposure to air pollutants, trash from disposable food containers, traffic congestion and flow changes and an obesogenic environment. I am also concerned about an increase in traffic accidents because of the entry and exit from the development into already congested streets - not to mention that students are walking to and from the high school located nearby (Jordan) or to/from Grant or Hamilton.

The placement of three drive-thrus on the 6600 Atlantic Avenue plot will double the number of fast food options near Jordan High School. The decision to build a car-centered development is in opposition to hopes for a walkable design with meeting places and areas for community events. The Steelcraft site on Long Beach Boulevard is a popular destination for walkers, bikers, families and business people; there are no drive-thrus there.. We have a family-centered community in North Long Beach. I think we deserve an investment in those families and in their health.

Sincerely,

Melissa Shilling (Houghton Park neighborhood resident)

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Planning Commission meeting December 15, 2018

Project No 1806-25 6600 Atlantic Ave.

December 15, 2018

I am opposed to the approval of the Project application No 1806-25 located at 6600 Atlantic Avenue.

My Name is Raul Nario,

I'm a local realtor, a community organizer in North Long Beach (NLB) and vice president of the Starr King Neighborhood Association.

When I heard about this project I felt excited for the proposed improvements to North Long Beach and looked forward to the growth of the community due to this investment. But when I was made aware of the site-plan I could not stop worrying about the Health of our kids and the community. Three drive-through areas and one more fast food is something we do not need in North Long Beach. Our air quality is already polluted, as freeways surround us. Three weeks ago, some areas in NLB received a notice that, the air quality was found to have Cancerogenic chromium 6. In every main intersection along Artesia and Atlantic inside the 9<sup>th</sup> District one can see a fast food restaurant with a drive-through. (e.g., McDonalds, Jack in the Box, Popeyes...etc.) In North Long Beach more than half of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are obese. Cardiovascular diseases are the primary cause of death. This is perhaps because we do not have enough places to buy healthy food, or because we do not have parks or open spaces for our kids to enjoy, walk and play.

Research says the decisions we make as a community on how we build the city has larger implications on the individuals than just economical bloom to the area. Everything is connected, the size of streets, the number of trees, the options in food, etc... Many studies have explored how differences in the design and function of low and high-income neighborhoods contribute to health disparities and the depletion of the environment. One of the Land Use Element (LUE) environmental health goals is to create buffers between residential uses and sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, hospitals and daycare centers) and facilities such as freeways. Also, the state has policies that protect disadvantaged communities like my neighborhood in North Long Beach from environmentally related health risks. The City has set tools to implement its vision and the LUE gives power to the planning commission to determine incremental steps toward the ultimate realization of the policies of this LUE, and that determining consistency will not foreclose the future possibility of attaining the goals of this Land Use Element.

I urge you to use this power to protect the North Long Beach community.

**Please do not approve the project.**

**Send it back and ask for input from the Health Department and ensure the project will not harm the health of the community.**

Sincerely,

Raul Nario



**From:** Renette Mazza (mailto:RMazza@grafaldfreight.com)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:20 PM  
**To:** Alexis Oropeza <Alexis.Oropeza@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Calvena Sisk (mailto:csisk@aol.com), Hamilton.Neighborhood@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Letter From Gardenia Neighborhood Watch/Questions

Hi Alexis,

Re: Application No. 1806-25 (Development project at 6600 Atlantic Avenue)

I received your email from Joni at DeForest Park as the contact I can email letters & questions to regarding the development at Artesia & Atlantic in North Long Beach. I have attached a letter from Calvena Sisk a fellow Hamilton Neighborhood Leader (also in cc here) for verification purposes. The Hamilton Neighborhood Association's entire board of directors, Renette Mazza, Art Siegriest, Jerry Fink & Linda Campbell will be in attendance 12/20 to share our support of this project, outreach efforts and community feedback.

I have some concerns about a petition (created by Hilda Gaytan 12/16) that is circulating, nationwide, against this development.

My concerns:

- \*The facts presented in the petition are inaccurate and miss-represented to create drama & sensationalism and receive signatures

- \*Most people signing the petition do not live in the area of the development

- \*People signing the petition that are actually in the neighborhood are feeling taken advantage of once they find out actual facts about the development and cannot rescind their signature (attached a comment from a community member in Hamilton)

- \*The petition is on a nationwide platform Change.org and does not target our community members directly

I have included a link to the petition: [https://www.change.org/p/take-action-stop-developments-harmful-to-public-health?recruiter=923645149&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition&utm\\_term=973dc4f3104f4994899c06c43a92ce6f&utm\\_content=fhtcon-14057961-en-us%3Av2&fbclid=IwAR0DYtSFqiFlejIXFXVtPddi5e7qmTq7fAYt7gsMnfBvUtlgNkLYEKI3UBM](https://www.change.org/p/take-action-stop-developments-harmful-to-public-health?recruiter=923645149&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=973dc4f3104f4994899c06c43a92ce6f&utm_content=fhtcon-14057961-en-us%3Av2&fbclid=IwAR0DYtSFqiFlejIXFXVtPddi5e7qmTq7fAYt7gsMnfBvUtlgNkLYEKI3UBM)

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If you cannot open a link on your work pc let me know as I have a copy via word doc as well.

*Warmest Regards,*

Renette Mazza  
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December 18, 2018

Long Beach Planning Commission

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our excitement for the development plans that the commission has for the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Artesia Boulevard in North Long Beach. I'm writing to you on behalf of our Neighborhood Watch group. The neighbors in our area are anxiously awaiting the development of this corner and opening of the businesses.

Our neighbors also expressed the desire to see more nationally recognized businesses opened in North Long Beach sighting not only the convenience but also the added tax revenue.

Some of the businesses they suggested are:

- UPS Store
- A Health Food Store
- A Hallmark Store
- Smart and Final
- Full Service Grocery Store
- Petco or Pet Smart
- Sporting Goods Store
- Michael's or Hobby Lobby
- Applebee's
- Red Robin
- Out Back Steak House
- Soup Plantation
- Sizzler

We are hopeful that the Planning Commission approves the plans for the corner of Atlantic and Artesia and construction begins soon.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Calvena Sisk  
Co-Captain

 Gardenia/Rose Avenue Neighborhood Watch

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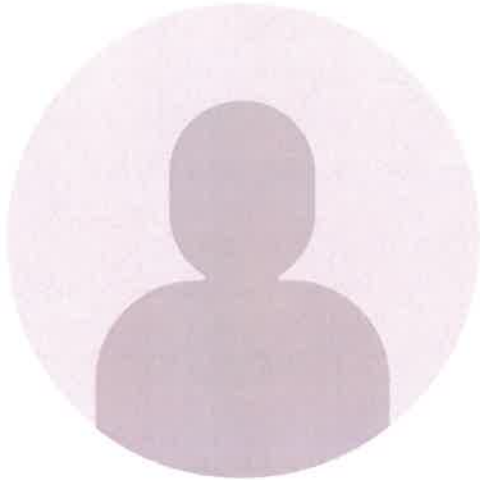
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**Richard Gutmann**

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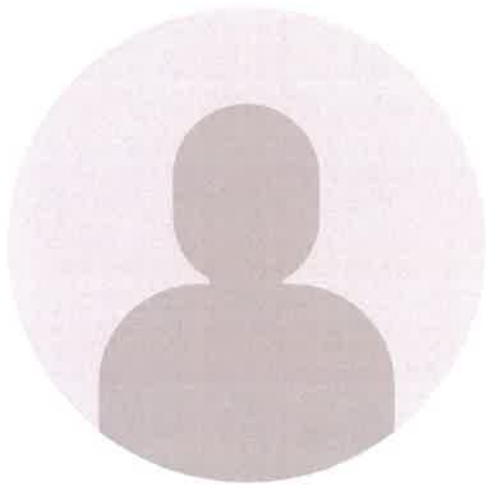
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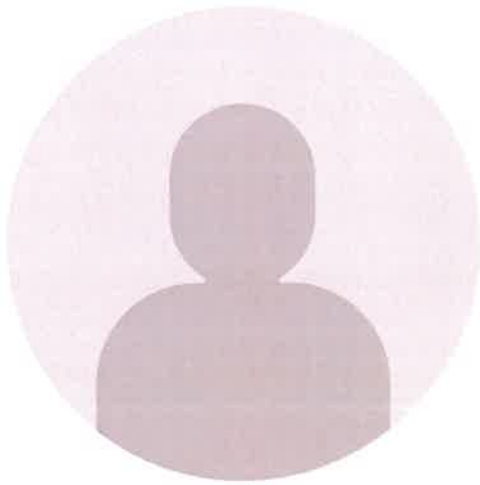
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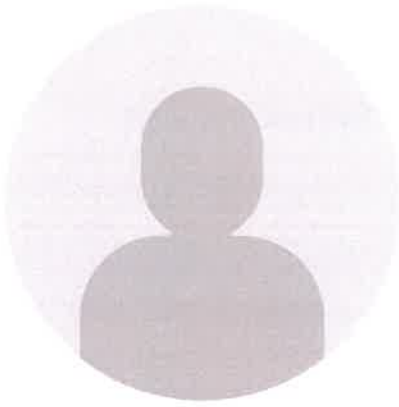




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### **The problem:**

A new development is coming to North Long Beach at Artesia and Atlantic.

The Development is designed with three drive-thru areas and two fast food restaurants. These drive-thrus are designed to accommodate 1,200+ cars per day. This will increase air pollution in a highly polluted area. In addition, the introduction of more fast food restaurants will negatively affect the public health that is already deteriorated by an abundance of nearby convenience stores and fast food restaurants.

The project is located a block away from the 91 freeway and a short walk from the 710 freeway. It is an alley length away from homes, 1000 ft away from Jordan High School and .6 miles away from Hamilton middle school and Grant elementary school.

North Long Beach has been identified as a vulnerable community by the Long Beach Health Department's Community Health Assessment and by the Long Beach Development Services' Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The development is in the immediate area of a HEAL zone (Healthy Eating Active Living), because it is recognized as an area needing access to healthy food options and activities to promote better health.

### **The Solution:**

**Demand the Long Beach Planning Commission to not approve the development as designed.**

As a community we must ensure that the impact on public health and the environment in already impacted communities is considered and placed high on the agenda of every development.

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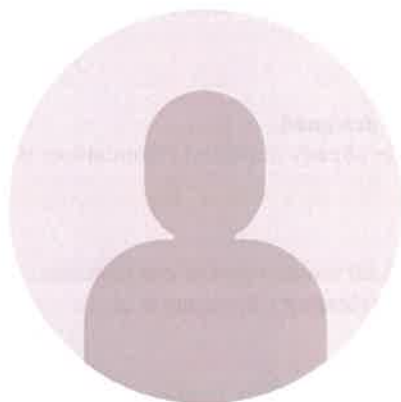


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December 20, 2018

City of Long Beach Planning Commission  
333 West Ocean Blvd., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: 18-093PL; 6600 Atlantic Avenue Development

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Long Beach Fresh shares this commission's goal of creating a built environment that fosters healthy living for all residents of the City. Your work in supporting the improvements of parks and streetscapes in North Long Beach is critical, as this community is burdened with negative health outcomes.

The proposed development at 6600 Atlantic Avenue, if accepted without the amendments, will include at least one new fast food restaurant in a community that is already saturated with outlets for unhealthy food options, and three additional drive-thrus in an area already burdened by air pollution from the surrounding freeways. Without a formal health impact assessment, there is no proper way to determine how this development will affect the health of people living in the surrounding neighborhood, or if this development complies with the City's Land Use Element Plan<sup>1</sup> or the Healthy Community policy, Community Health Improvement plan and the HEAL Zone Initiative<sup>2</sup>.

The health of North Long Beach residents is of special interest to Long Beach Fresh because we have worked closely with the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, the Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach, local neighborhood associations and the office of Councilman Rex Richardson to turn a food desert into a healthy landscape through community-based projects and initiatives, including the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones policy approved by this commission. We thus feel compelled to encourage further study of this development, as our community partners feel that it would undermine our hard work to create a healthier North Long Beach. For this reason, we respectfully request the Commission to delay any action on the proposed development at 6600 Atlantic Avenue (18-088PI) until:

1. A report from the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is issued and included in this project, stating that the development will not negatively affect the health of North Long Beach residents and/or the environment, and
2. A report of consistency between the CUP goals and policies in the Land Use Element Plan is issued and included in this project.

Our request for your commitment to these amendments is made with the deepest respect and intent to ensure the health and well-being of the North Long Beach community. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,  
Tony Damico  
Co-Director, Long Beach Fresh

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<sup>1</sup> The Land Use Element Plan states to "avoid concentrating undesirable uses, service facilities and infrastructure projects in any manner that results in an inequitable environmental burden on low-income or minority neighborhoods."

<sup>2</sup> These three documents refer to a framework for "developing Long Beach's neighborhoods into a healthy, prosperous and livable community. To "strengthen links between new trends in land use, mobility, environmental quality, healthy food access, and safe neighborhoods through collaboration, engagement, and implementation."

## **Planning Commission meeting December 20,2018**

**Project No 1806-25 6600 Atlantic Ave.**

**December 10,2018**

**I am opposed to the approval of the Project application No 1806-25 located at 6600 Atlantic Avenue.**

I oppose the project because, it is not compatible with

- the Land Use Element Plan and the Sustainable City Action Plan's efforts to reduce drive-through, fast food, vehicle use and vehicle emissions.
- the Healthy Communities Policy that establishes a framework for "developing Long Beach's neighborhoods into a healthy, prosperous and livable community".
- the City's Land Use goal to adopt land use regulations and programs that encourage healthy food options in local neighborhoods.
- the Health Zone goals of "increase the consumption of healthy food, beverages and physical activity. And improve the prevention, treatment and management of obesity".
- It is not compatible with the city mobility plan "By promoting land uses and building designs that encourage pedestrian activities" in pedestrian – priority areas.

The project has three drive-thru areas and two fast food restaurants. These drive-thrus will double the amount of drive-thrus at the intersection. The project report states the drive-thrus are designed to accommodate 1,751 cars per day. This will increase air pollution in a highly polluted area. In addition, the introduction of more fast food restaurant will negatively affect the public health that is already deteriorated by an abundance of fast food restaurants.

Approving this project is ignoring the health risks and the negative impact on the environment in a vulnerable community. This goes against the Environmental Justice Senate Bill 1000, that requires the city to put forward strategies to reduce unique or compounded health risks to vulnerable communities.

### **Project description and location**

The project's vacant lot is located on the North /East corner of the intersection of Artesia Blvd. (runs West – East) and Atlantic Ave. (runs North – South). The new development will be located on an intersection where The SW corner is home to a shopping center with a variety of small businesses and a Mc Donald's restaurant with a drive thru. On the NW corner one can see a standalone Carl's Jr. restaurant with a drive thru. On the SE corner there is a shopping center with a variety of businesses including a 7 Eleven, offering a variety of low-cost junk and fast food. Next to this shopping center is Jordan High School followed by Houghton Park. To the North, the development Is next to homes with very little buffer area. It is also in a school walking corridor and approximately .6 miles away from Grant Elementary and Hamilton Middle school.

### **Why drive-thrus and a new fast food restaurant will negatively affect the environment and the community's health.**

The project is at the busiest intersection in North Long Beach and it is located less than a ¼ mile from the 91 and 710 freeway.

1. The drive-thru industry's average wait time is over three (3) minutes per car, from order to pick up. That translates to nearly 20 grams of carbon dioxide emitted per car, on average, per visit. Note that this figure doesn't include time spent idling before ordering. Also, cars and trucks account for nearly one-fifth of all US emissions, emitting around 24 pounds of carbon dioxide and other global-warming gases for every gallon of gas. In a scenario where the average wait time for the two drive-thrus is two minutes per car and they total 800 vehicles per day, the greenhouse gas/co2 emissions equivalent would be 22 tonnes/year.

2. According with the project report, the project is designed to accommodate 1,200 cars per day. Increasing the number of automobiles in the area will also increase the amount of pollutants and greenhouse gases in the air affecting the environment.

Continuing with the negative effects of CO2 in the air, research has revealed a direct link between contaminants in vehicle emissions and significant respiratory problems “carbon dioxide itself contributes to climate change and increased mortality due to increased ozone, particles and carcinogens in the air.”.

According to the community health assessment, North Long Beach rates the second highest in respiratory illness hospital admissions. Children are particularly vulnerable because they breathe faster than adults and inhale more air per kilogram of body weight.

In addition, this study states that the health-related effects of carbon dioxide emissions are most pronounced in areas that already have significant pollution.

These studies are helping us to make the connection between our environment, climate change and our health. There are so many easy ways for us to contribute to the health of vulnerable communities. It’s as easy as taking these facts into consideration when planning new developments.

2. As we stated before, the new development is less than a block away from Jordan high school and it is part of the school corridor for Grant Elementary and Hamilton Middle School. This location affects the young people and pregnant women. A study has shown students whose schools are within a block of fast-food outlet are more likely to be obese. This is also true for those where the fast-food is in their school walking path and for pregnant women that live a short distance away. The LBDHHS community health assessment shows that North Long Beach rates as one of the highest in obesity where 55-59 percent of their 5th grade students are overweight or obese. One can conclude the increase of fast food in the area will not help to solve the problem of obesity but will increase it by providing more fast food at a short distance from schools. It is also true that fast food is not the only cause for obesity. A healthy diet and exercise have been proven to reduce the disease. The project is an automobile-oriented development. Its design accommodates cars and encourages driving. Reducing the number of drive-thrus in the developments will have community health benefits from both a reduction in the health effects of climate change and improvement in human lifestyles, and these must be emphasized. Minimizing the need for cars and maximizing exercise, will contribute to the fight against obesity and cardiovascular diseases the first cause of death for the North Long Beach.

3.The City Master Plan, the Community Health Assessment report and the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan show North Long beach as a vulnerable community with numerous health problems.

**I am asking the Planning Commission to delay the proposed development at 6600 Atlantic Avenue until reports from LBHHS on community health impact, as well as a report explaining how this project aligns with CUP and Land Use Element policies, can be provided by city staff.**

As a community we must ensure that public health and the environment in already impacted communities are placed high on the agenda of every development.

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## Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach

Working collaboratively to improve the health of all North Long Beach residents by creating healthier environments through education, advocacy and policy efforts where residents can thrive and grow.

Long Beach Planning Commission Meeting December 20, 2018

Application # 1806-25

We, the Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach, are the primary community group enacting the North Long Beach HEAL Zone (Healthy Eating Active Living). We are highly concerned regarding the design elements of the new proposed development for 6600 Atlantic Ave.

Most notable, the addition of another fast food restaurant and three drive-thrus runs counter to the goals of our coalition in increasing access to healthy foods, reducing environmental burden, and creating walkable, safe neighborhoods.

**We urge the Planning Commission to delay any action on this development until:**

- **A report from the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services is included in this project, to ensure the development will not negatively affect the health of North Long Beach residents and/or the environment, and**
- **A report of consistency between the CUP goals and policies in the Land Use Element Plan is included and attached to the proposed project.**

The immediate surrounding area of the proposed development has long been identified as a food desert, meaning that there is limited access to healthy and fresh food. Adding more fast food where a McDonald's, Carl's Jr, and 7-11 already exist nearby, undermines our goals of creating a healthier community. Moreover, adding three drive-thrus diminishes the city's and coalition's goals of walkable/bikeable neighborhoods.

The project is located only an alley length away from homes, and 1000 ft away from Jordan High School. The potential of numerous idling cars in the drive-thrus per day adds unhealthy air to an area already impacted by greenhouse gas/CO2 emissions from nearby freeways, and street traffic.

During the past six years the Coalition in conjunction with the 9th District council office, LBDHHS, community organizations, students, and residents have worked on policies and programs to help build a healthier community within the HEAL Zone. This was facilitated through a \$2 million grant from the Kaiser Foundation and many volunteer hours from our partners and community. The development as presented diminishes our efforts and vision for the health of our community, and the HEAL Zone designation of the area should have been considered in the overall planning of this project.

The City of Long Beach has a bold vision for a vibrant, safe, and healthy community. The following City of Long Beach Goals and Policies, support our mission.

### **Land Use Element:**

**LU- M-40** Adopt land use regulations and programs that encourage healthy food options in local neighborhoods. Initiatives could include establishing additional community gardens and farmers' markets, allowing edible estates and urban agriculture, **and discouraging drive-through facilities.** Responsible Department: Development Services Supporting Department: Health and Human Services Related Policies: LU Policy 11-1, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5 page 130 short term goal

**LU- M-41** Evaluate the feasibility of **imposing density boundaries for drive-through and/or free standing fast-food restaurants.** This could be citywide, **in neighborhoods with overconcentration of fast food, or**

**around sensitive uses and schools.** Responsible Departments: Health and Human Services, Development Services Related Policies: LU Policy 11-4, 11-6, 11-7, 14-3, 14-4, 14-5 page 130 short term goal

**LU- M-42** Continue to implement health programs and plans, including, but not limited to the North Long Beach HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Zone, Healthy Active Long Beach, Health Promotion and Wellness Program, Community Health Improvement Plan 2014-2020, Healthy Long Beach Plan 2014-2019 and similar programs and plans. Responsible Department: Health and Human Services Related Policies: LU Policy 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6 page 130 on going

**The Healthy Communities Policy:** establishes a framework for developing each neighborhood into a healthy, prosperous and livable community. The Policy also aims to “strengthen links between new trends in land use, mobility, environmental quality, healthy food access, and safe neighborhoods to improvements in community health, through collaboration, engagement and implementation.

**The Health Zone goals to** “increase the consumption of healthy food, beverages and physical activity. And improve the prevention, treatment and management of obesity”

**The City Mobility plan** “By promoting land uses and building designs that encourage pedestrian activities” in pedestrian – priority areas.

**The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan** to: “reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prepare the community for the impacts of climate change, improve the quality of life” and “Prepare the community to be a more sustainable and resilient city in the face of climate change impacts such as air pollution”.

Once again, the Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach urges this commission to **delay the proposed development at 6600 Atlantic Avenue until reports from LBHHS on community health impact, as well as a report explaining how this project aligns with CUP and Land Use Element policies, can be provided by city staff.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilda Gaytan  
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Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach

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Dec. 20, 2018

Re: Agenda Item #2 APL 18-004

CARP joins Protect the Los Cerritos Wetlands in asking the Planning Commission to uphold this appeal and deny the application for a Local Coastal Development Permit 18-033 for the following reasons:

**1. No posted agenda for the Zoning Administrator hearing.**

The Zoning Administrator agenda was not available on the City site and was finally sent by e-mail 2 hours before the hearing.

**2. No public hearings on this project**

**3. Change in the project 3 times for the same Local Coastal Development Permit.**

The original Application, dated Oct. 17, 2018 stated that the LCDP was for “trimming and removal of existing *Washintonia robusta* street trees in the public right-of way, in conjunction with a separately-permitted street improvement project that will involve installation of new broad-canopy street trees on Marina Dr.”

The Zoning Administrator agenda contained different wording from the Hearing Notice, calling for the trimming and removal of existing trees, but instead of the broad-canopy trees, states only a street project including ‘installation and replacement of street trees’ on Marina Dr.

The Zoning Administrator minutes show that Planner Marianne Cronin, stated: “since the public hearing notice, the scope of the project has been modified to only include trimming and RELOCATION of the public right of way trees.”

We would argue that because the request for the LCDP was changed from Removal of all the Palm Trees to Relocation of some, this required

a new public notice and hearing. There is a big difference between cutting down trees and relocating them. The public had no chance to see the changed project prior to the meeting and was unable to comment on it.

Today's Agenda states the ZA decision on Nov. 19 was to accept Categorical Exemption CE 18-237 and approve a LCDP for the trimming and on-site relocation of existing street trees and the addition of new street trees" on Marina Dr.

Thus the wording of this project has been changed once again to On-site relocation of the trees and the acceptance of a Categorical Exemption, not previously done by the ZA at the hearing.

#### **4. Addition of Categorical Exemption CE 18-237 to today's item.**

The minutes of the zoning hearing show that the Categorical Exemption paperwork was submitted to the Coastal Commission on 10/30/18 but "the status was unknown" at the time of the ZA hearing.. The minutes do not show the Zoning Administrator's acceptance of CE 18-237 as you are being asked to uphold. Exhibit K shows the CEQA exemption was filed with the County Clerk on Nov. 20, 2018, the day after the Zoning Ad. hearing.

The CE was not approved by the Zoning Ad., was not part of the appeal and should not be on this agenda.

#### **5. Illegal removal of 22 public palm trees during nesting season has not been addressed**

The ZA minutes state: "No permanent removal of trees is considered At This Time", yet there is no mention of the 22 trees which were illegally removed from the public right-of-way during nesting season earlier this year. Was there any fine imposed by the CCC? Will the developer be paying for the palm tree relocation? The developer is

currently using public right-of-way for storage of equipment and appears to be doing his best to kill off the remaining city palm trees.

#### **6. Changes of the approved 2nd & PCH EIR.**

As listed in the staff report, relocation of the palm trees is necessary because of the Complete Streets project on Marina Dr. with new ADA sidewalks; diagonal, metered parking; and reconfigured, smaller medians to allow left turn lanes in and out of the new 2nd & PCH Mall.

Marina Dr. traffic plans have been changed to a Complete Streets Project with no public hearings.

The EIR stated all Marina Dr. entrances and exits at the Mall would be right hand turns.

Adhering to the EIR would eliminate any left-hand turn lanes, reconfiguration of the medians and relocation of trees

#### **7. No information on success of relocation of mature palm trees.**

There has been no information on the success rate for transplanting Palm trees as large and old as these. In fact the Zoning Administrator is evidently anticipating some failure as he added a special condition for monitoring and replacement of dead trees.

For all of the above reasons, CARP asks this Commission to uphold the appeal and deny the LCDP 18-033,

Ann Cantrell, Citizens About Responsible Planning



My name is Melinda Cotton, I live in Belmont Shore .. less than 2 miles from Marina Drive & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

I agree with the concerns noted by the speakers before me.

And there is another very serious problem with the item we're discussing - the plan of this "Complete Streets" Project to **narrow** Marina Drive to only one lane in each direction.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> & PCH EIR stated that Marina Drive was two lanes in each direction, and Google photos through 2018 show the same thing. I realize the City would like to add amenities to the street but there just isn't room in the existing road footprint.

This is already a heavily congested area - and with a 250-thousand square foot shopping center about to open, with the hugely popular San Pedro Fish Company coming in across the street - and additional traffic impacts on the way -- the area just cannot function without the 4 existing Marina Drive traffic lanes.

The past few days 2<sup>nd</sup> Street eastbound at PCH has had two lanes closed due to 2<sup>nd</sup> & PCH development construction. This has backed up Eastbound traffic on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street all the way back to Naples Plaza and nearly to Belmont Shore. This is not only driving motorists a bit crazy - it's dangerous ... as those folks living in Paradise in the Camp Fire found out when their few escape routes were blocked.

I'm puzzled that the City has active EIRs listed for the Alamitos and Broadway Complete Streets projects, but none for Marina Drive. There have been no Public Meetings held for this "Road Diet" as there have been for others. [And even getting a copy of the Coastal Complete Streets Permit application took two weeks, many e-mails and we didn't receive it until 3 days after the Zoning Admin hearing].

And the submitted official application to the Coastal Commission is wrong it states that this narrowing of Marina Drive is exempt from Coastal jurisdiction because the "Traffic improvements .. do not.."alter roadway or intersection capacity by more than ten percent (10%)..."

But obviously narrowing a roadway from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction is much more than 10% - wouldn't it accurately 50%??)

It seems clear that the Permit Application submitted to Coastal staff is inaccurate ... and should be corrected. We hope that the Planning Commission will require that that be done.



Traffic improvements which do not:

- Alter roadway or intersection capacity by more than ten percent (10%) (except stop signs and stop lights); or

**Grant Neighborhood Association**  
**North Long Beach, California**  
**90805**

Long Beach Planning Commission,

Grant Neighborhood Association supports the planned development at 6600 Artesia Boulevard.

While we wish that, for environmental reasons, the project did not include drive-thru lanes, we understand the business demand for them.

Grant Neighborhood does not border the project but it is close enough that the project will positively influence our area. We're particularly enthused about the independent café and a public commons area.

Thanks for considering our input.

Jeff Rowe

President

Grant Neighborhood Association

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### **Asks of Long Beach Planning Commission**

1. Deny the Zoning Commissioner's request for an LCP to "remove" 44 existing palms in advance of the Marina Dr. "Complete Street" Improvement Project
2. Leave palms in place. No reason to move them and risk injuring/killing them for left turn lanes into mall and paid diagonal parking
3. Re-evaluate current Marina Drive "Complete Street" Improvement Project proposed by Public Works, allow public input: community meeting and conduct online surveys
4. Order developer, who is responsible for palms on the 2nd & PCH site, to clean up trash, building and toxic materials around palms and provide a safety buffer
5. Per Coastal Development Permit 5-08-07, comply with all requirements, requests and mitigation measures from the California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with respect to preservation and protection of water quality and marine environment.

### **Parameters for transplanting palms (Palm Tree Society of Southern California)**

1. Do not move before April, slow or no root growth in colder months
2. Size of rootball matters. Do not reduce, damage, or bury roots too deep
3. Move in a sling
4. Do not leave in boxes
5. Maintain watering schedule
6. Hire a private contractor with experience in moving palms

### **Special Consideration: Herons and Egrets (John Kelly (Audubon Canyon Ranch))**

Colonies of herons are frequently located in areas isolated from human disturbance. However, herons have adapted to human activity and may build their nests near buildings that have large trees. Herons are especially vulnerable to human disturbance and habitat destruction during the breeding season (mid-November to September of the following year) and tend to desert nests and entire colonies if disturbed during these times. Colonies have even been deserted after destruction or alteration of their habitat during the non-nesting season. Consequences include fragmentation of breeding populations, total reproductive failure in colonies, reduced number of breeding pairs, and reduced reproductive output per pair. Ultimately this can affect the stability of the entire regional population. Herons are unpredictable in their response to disruption of a colony and the severity of the response does not always correspond to the magnitude of the disturbance (seemingly innocuous activities can produce serious results). Density of vegetation within and surrounding the colony can influence the impact of disturbances. Tree trimming should not remove more than the minimum of foliage necessary for human health and safety, and should be done, where it is permitted, in a manner that does not discourage herons and egrets from returning to their altered (trimmed) habitat during the next breeding cycle.