



Puente Latino Association Inc

Building bridges for Healthy Communities by increasing opportunities for people and places through Art, Culture, Education and Community Engagement.

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach Ca.

Regarding: July 16, 2019 City Council Agenda Item # 2 '19-0646

The drive-through report being presented to the city council on July 16th, has brought information I was not aware of and it raises some concerns. The regulations are good, but the amount of drive-thrus in the 90805 area is almost double in comparison to the other zip codes in the city. Having equal regulations around the city in a scenario with big disparities makes them inequitable and discriminatory toward the 90805 area. It is important for the city to implement stronger regulations to close the gap in the disparities and prevent 90805 from increasing the amount of drive-thrus. A large portion of the 90805-zip code is located in the 90th percentile and above for poor air quality according to the California EPA. These impacted areas should be protected by the city from an increase in idling, green house emitting vehicles, especially in close proximity to schools and residencies. The life expectancy for the 90805-zip code is less than all but two of the thirteen zip codes in the city.

Over the past year Puente Latino Association members along with other North Long Beach community members have been working with the city through the UPLAN in changing the zoning for the Atlantic and Artesia corridors. Even though the draft document calls for a non-drive thru zoning along these corridors, there are many more corridors and areas where these developments can pop up and continue affecting the environment and the public health of the North LB residents.

I sincerely request the council to extend the drive-through moratorium for the 90805-zip code until new regulations that address the inequalities in the amount of drive thrus between the 90805 and the rest of the city, and the UPLAN recommendations are in place.

Regards

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