

**Gina Casillas**

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**From:** PlanningCommissioners  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** Anita Juhola-Garcia; Gina Casillas  
**Cc:** Alexis Oropeza  
**Subject:** FW: Long Beach Senior (Mercy Housing's affordable housing project)

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandra Kroll [REDACTED] >  
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:28 AM  
To: PlanningCommissioners <PlanningCommissioners@longbeach.gov>  
Subject: Long Beach Senior (Mercy Housing's affordable housing project)

-EXTERNAL-

To the Commissioners

I urge you to approve the proposal by Mercy Housing California's senior housing proposal at 901 945 E. Pacific Coast Highway.

No one needs to explain to you Long Beach's dire need for affordable housing. Nor do you need to have your heartstrings stirred with the thought of elderly men and women forced to live on the streets or under bridges. This project would supply the city with 68 units for our seniors and senior veterans experiencing homelessness, as well as serve as an asset to the surrounding community. The project will offer a mix of one-bedroom and studio apartments. Amenities would include a courtyard, community rooms, plus supportive services for the residents.

For twenty years, I've been involved with a variety of campaigns advocating for people who are struggling with unmet housing needs, especially through my church and my interfaith group, the Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization (ICO). This project represents a solution to just a small percentage of those in need. However, to that small percentage, it means everything!

Furthermore, it's just one of many other affordable housing projects that will finally bring all of our residents out of homelessness.

Please support this project: It's good for our City.

Yours,  
Sandra Kroll  
3rd District



07/20/20

Long Beach Planning Commission  
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Everyone In letter of support for Mercy Housing California's Long Beach Senior proposal

Dear Long Beach Planning Commission Members,

Everyone In would like to express its full support for Mercy Housing California's senior housing proposal at 901 - 945 E Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach. We believe the development will be a tremendous asset to the community on a site that has long sat vacant. The 68 units of affordable housing for senior residents is much needed in the area. In the recently released 2020 Long Beach Homeless Count, the number of residents 62 and above who are experiencing homelessness increased by 18% from the previous year. The proposed development would not only help address the urgent need for affordable housing for senior residents in the neighborhood but would also reinvigorate the streetscape and serve as a new anchor for the community and neighborhood.

Long Beach Senior is a 68-unit multifamily apartment community that will have a mix of one - bedroom and studio apartment homes serving seniors with limited incomes, seniors and senior veterans who are experiencing homelessness. Amenities at the site will include an outdoor courtyard, community rooms, and supportive services for the residents.

Everyone In has worked tirelessly throughout Long Beach and across Los Angeles County in an effort to create more affordable and supportive housing to end homelessness. We understand that in order to end homelessness, it requires housing first, combined with supportive services that help people recover from homelessness. This Mercy Housing site helps to work towards the goal of ending homelessness by setting up supportive housing units geared towards aiding and permanently housing seniors who have previously experienced homelessness. Its development is important to Everyone In and the Long Beach residents we serve, and makes our communities safer, cleaner, and happier. We need more projects like this across Long Beach, and we're glad that Mercy Housing is taking this step to help end homelessness in Long Beach. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Jordan Wynne, Field Director, Long Beach  
Everyone In



July 20, 2020

Planning Commission,

Mercy Housing California (MHC) is proposing to develop high-quality affordable apartment homes for low-income seniors and senior veterans who have experienced homelessness. The development, which is located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Long Beach, will serve qualified seniors, 62 and older, and include amenities such as a large open space courtyard and recreation area, an indoor lounge and community space, onsite property management, Resident Services programming with dedicated staff to support seniors and senior veterans, and a community-serving space on the ground floor.

Integrated into the building design will be public art elements which reflect the rich history of the neighborhood. Neighbors and other community members will be invited to participate in a robust design process to develop the public art. Finally, the site is central to public transit, grocery stores, libraries, and public parks and will remove blight from the community.

Long Beach Senior will provide 68 affordable apartments for low income seniors and senior veterans who have experienced homelessness, with construction expected to begin in 2021 with the expert development of Mercy Housing.

The Long Beach Gray Panthers strongly support this much needed housing in our Central area that will create new opportunities for Older Adults to celebrate a safe, stable living facility that will bring community benefits to the neighborhood. We support a strong "yes" vote on this project and others like it.

Sincerely,

*Karen J. Reside*

Karen Reside  
Secretary  
Long Beach Gray Panthers

July 19, 2020

Long Beach Planning Commission  
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Sunny Central letter of support for Mercy Housing California's Long Beach Senior proposal

Dear Long Beach Planning Commission Members,

The Sunny Central Neighborhood Association would like to express its full support for Mercy Housing California's senior housing proposal for 901 – 945 E Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach, and the project's Long Beach HOME funding request. We believe the development will be a tremendous asset to the community, on a site that has long sat vacant, and will serve one of Long Beach senior citizens' most pressing needs. The 68 units of affordable housing for senior residents is much needed in the vicinity. Homelessness and housing insecurity among our neighborhood's low-income residents, particularly senior residents, has grown significantly over the past several years. The proposed project would not only help address the urgent need for affordable housing for senior residents in the neighborhood but it would also reinvigorate the streetscape and serve as a new anchor for the community and neighborhood.

The Mercy team has demonstrated their commitment to building housing that serves the Long Beach community. They have taken the time to meet with my office and a dozen other community stakeholders to receive our input on the development. Their track record of successfully developing senior housing in Long Beach is evidenced by their St. Mary Tower rehabilitation down the street on Atlantic Avenue.

We are particularly excited about this housing proposal as it will bring new life to a corner of our neighborhood that has long sat vacant. We are in full support of the proposed development and hope you consider the project for this funding request.

Sincerely,  
Reyna Ochoa  
Sunny Central Neighborhood Association  
(562) 213-6653



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July 10, 2020

Long Beach Planning Commission  
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Dignity Health St. Mar Medical Center letter of support for Mercy Housing California's Long Beach Senior proposal

Dear Long Beach Planning Commission Members,

Dignity Health St. Mary Medical Center would like to express its full support for Mercy Housing California's senior housing proposal at 901 – 945 E Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach. We believe the development will be a tremendous asset to the community on a site that has long sat vacant. The 68 units of affordable housing for senior residents is much needed in the area. In the recently released 2020 Los Angeles County Homeless Count, the number of residents 62 and above who are experiencing homelessness increased by 20% from the previous year. The proposed development would not only help address the urgent need for affordable housing for senior residents in the neighborhood but would also reinvigorate the streetscape and serve as a new anchor for the community and neighborhood.

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Dignity Health St. Mary Medical Center has worked tirelessly throughout Long Beach for many years and we understand the need for this type of project in our neighborhood. Its development is important to St. Mary Medical Center and the Long Beach residents we serve. I encourage you to join me in supporting this worthwhile project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Caldwell".

Carolyn Caldwell, FACHE  
Hospital President Chief Executive Officer  
Dignity Health  
St. Mary Medical Center  
1050 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90813



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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City of Long Beach  
411 W. Ocean Boulevard., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, California 90802

Long Beach Senior Center letter of support for Mercy Housing Senior Housing Development HOME NOFA application

To Whom It May Concern,

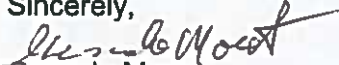
The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine would like to express its full support for Mercy Housing California's senior housing proposal for 901 – 945 E Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach, and the project's Long Beach HOME funding request. The Department believes the development will be a tremendous asset to the community, on a site that has long sat vacant, and will serve one of Long Beach senior citizens' most pressing needs. The 68 units of affordable housing for senior residents is much needed in the area. Homelessness among Long Beach residents age 62 and above has increased by 12% over the past year according to the 2019 point-in-time homeless count. At the Long Beach Senior Center one of the most common inquiries received from senior residents is assistance with housing needs – specifically where can they find housing that they can afford. Often, it's discovered there are limited affordable housing options for Long Beach seniors.

The proposed project would not only address the urgent need for affordable housing for senior residents in the neighborhood but would also reinvigorate the streetscape and serve as a new anchor for the community and neighborhood. The location is very close to the community center at McBride Park and Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Pool. Both sites offer free programming for senior citizens

The Mercy team has demonstrated their commitment to building housing that serves the Long Beach community. They have taken the time to meet with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and several other community stakeholders to receive input on the development, and their track record of successfully developing senior housing in Long Beach is evidenced by their St. Mary Tower rehabilitation down the street on Atlantic Avenue. The meeting also opened discussions for potential partnership opportunities with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine to provide programming to the developments future residents.

The Department is hopeful that Mercy's housing proposal will address one of Long Beach's most pressing needs and look forward to the future residents of 901 E Pacific Coast Highway participating in the Senior Center's programs and become members of our community. The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine is in full support of the proposed development and hope you consider the project for this funding request.

Sincerely,

  
Gerardo Mouet

Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

July 13, 2020

Long Beach Planning Commission  
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Long Beach Health and Human Services letter of support for Mercy Housing California's Long Beach Senior Proposal

Dear Long Beach Planning Commission Members,

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) would like to express its full support for Mercy Housing California's senior housing proposal at 901 – 945 E Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach. We believe the development will be a tremendous asset to the community on a site that has long sat vacant. The 68 units of affordable housing for senior residents is much needed in the area. In the recently released 2020 Los Angeles County Homeless Count, the number of residents 62 and above who are experiencing homelessness increased by 20 percent from the previous year. The proposed development would not only help address the urgent need for affordable housing for senior residents in the neighborhood but would also reinvigorate the streetscape and serve as a new anchor for the community and neighborhood.

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The Health Department has worked tirelessly throughout Long Beach for many years and we understand the need for this type of project in our neighborhood. Its development is important to the Health Department and the Long Beach residents we serve. I encourage you to join me in supporting this worthwhile project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,



Kelly Colopy  
Director of Health and Human Services



## Gina Casillas

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**From:** PlanningCommissioners  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** Anita Juhola-Garcia; Gina Casillas  
**Cc:** Alexis Oropeza  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for Mercy Housing Project

**From:** Karen Reside <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:52 AM  
**To:** PlanningCommissioners <PlanningCommissioners@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Mercy Housing Project

-EXTERNAL-



July 21, 2020

Planning Commission,

Mercy Housing California (MHC) is proposing to develop high-quality affordable apartment homes for low-income seniors and senior veterans who have experienced homelessness. The development, which is located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Long Beach, will serve qualified seniors, 62 and older, and include amenities such as a large open space courtyard and recreation area, an indoor lounge and community space, onsite property management, Resident Services programming with dedicated staff to support seniors and senior veterans, and a community-serving space on the ground floor.

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Sincerely,

*Karen J. Reside*

Karen Reside  
Secretary  
Long Beach Gray Panthers

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

January 14, 2020

Long Beach Community Investment Company  
City of Long Beach  
411 W. Ocean Boulevard., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, California 90802

Subject: Sunny Central Neighborhood Association letter of support for Mercy Housing Senior Housing Development HOME NOFA application

To Whom It May Concern,

Sunny Central Neighborhood Association would like to express its full support for Mercy Housing California's senior housing proposal for 901 – 945 E Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach, and the project's Long Beach HOME funding request. We are very happy to see this vacant lot being utilized for this fabulous development that will provide great services for the seniors in our community. We have noticed a significant increase in homelessness throughout the city and understands how difficult it is for low-income residents to secure housing and especially seniors. This development will be a tremendous asset to the central Long Beach neighborhoods.

We had the opportunity to meet with the Mercy team and were excited to hear all about this development. Not only did they meet with us and other community grassroots groups, but they also received our input on this project.

We are particularly excited about this project that will not only benefit senior residents, but will refresh the look of this intersection. We are in full support of the proposed development and hope you consider the project for this funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reyna Ochoa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Reyna Ochoa  
President of Sunny Central Neighborhood Association



The Future Begins with a Promise.

July 8, 2020

Long Beach Planning Commission  
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Mercy Housing California Long Beach Senior proposal at PCH and MLK

Dear Long Beach Planning Commission Members:

I am writing to confirm my support for Mercy Housing California's Long Beach Senior development located at 901 – 945 E Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach. I am in favor of Mercy Housing California's proposal for the development of 68 affordable apartment homes for seniors aged 62 and above. The need for safe and decent affordable housing is great in this area and this development is very important for our community.

The Mercy Team has hosted a series of in person and virtual meetings this past year to gather input from residents and community stakeholders. I attended, gave my recommendations, and believe the development of this site for affordable rental housing will be a very positive contribution to our community.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Brunella, Director  
Lifetime Learning Center  
Long Beach City College Foundation  
1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy  
Long Beach, CA 90806  
562-938-3047

Heather Flores

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Subject: FW:

From: Mark C <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 9:46 PM  
To: PlanningCommissioners <[PlanningCommissioners@longbeach.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@longbeach.gov)>  
Subject:

**-EXTERNAL-**

*Hello, my name is Mark Chenevey, I am a resident of Long Beach, District 2. I am commenting in support of Mercy Housing's housing proposal at Pacific Coast Highway and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.*

- There is an acute need for housing for seniors with limited incomes, and seniors and seniors veterans who have experienced homelessness in Long Beach. According to the 2020 Long Beach homeless count, senior homelessness increased by 13% from 2019.*
- According to the City of Long Beach Strategic Plan for Older Adults the percentage of seniors living below the poverty line is expected to increase from 18% in 2020 to 23% by 2025. It is crucial that housing for seniors with limited incomes is built to address this growing need.*
- The neighborhood is ideal for senior housing. Residents will have access to high quality bus service outside their front door with service across Long Beach. There are parks, medical clinics, senior educational services at Long Beach City College all within one-half mile of site.*
- The design is consistent with the neighborhood. The building is stepped back from the adjacent homes to the north and includes trees and other greenery around the site. The ground floor space on Pacific Coast Highway will activate the street and intersection.*
- The amenity-rich housing will include indoor community rooms on the first and second floors for residents, and outdoor courtyard on the second floor. There will also be secured bike parking and a bike workshop for the residents.*
- The new housing will transform a site that is currently vacant into new housing that will help activate the street, intersection, and serve as a new anchor for the neighborhood.*

We need more developments like this in Long Beach! Please vote to support this development.

Thank you.

Mark Chenevey  
[REDACTED]

Long Beach CA [REDACTED]

**Heather Flores**

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**Subject:** FW: Long Beach Senior Mercy Housing Development

**From:** Patty Clark <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2020 1:34 AM  
**To:** PlanningCommissioners <[PlanningCommissioners@longbeach.gov](mailto:PlanningCommissioners@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Long Beach Senior Mercy Housing Development

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Commissioners,  
My name is Patricia Clark, and I am a member of the Gray Panthers of Long Beach. I am writing to urge you to support the development of the Long Beach Senior Mercy Housing Project. Low income senior housing is desperately needed in our city, and this development would go towards easing that crisis.

Thank you for your time,  
Patricia Clark  
District 2 Long Beach, CA 90802

"This isn't the kind of fight you win, it's the kind of fight you fight."  
Cory Doctorow "radicalized" 2019