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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

Subject: City Council Hearing Item #34 20-0993 - October 6, 2020

The Salvation Army is grateful the City Council is considering approving the vacation of Elm Avenue, and the adjacent alleys, as part of the new Red Shield Athletic and Recreation Facility.

Kardent is grateful to be an ongoing partner to the City and **The Salvation Army**.

The impact of the City Council's decision, affects this 5-acre site and the more than 50,000 Long Beach citizenry who will benefit from it cannot be understated. The City Council's Vacation Approval facilitates the completion of a safe and secure facility for deserving children, families, seniors and at-risk community members, including women-in-need and the homeless.

Project benefits and services to these constituents, include; gymnasium, soccer field, jogging/walking paths, vegetable gardens, and encompasses food distribution capabilities, morning and after-school programs for children and seniors.

Since 2014 **The Salvation Army**, and its team, have been working with City staff and leadership to complete this valuable community asset. **The Salvation Army**, and Kardent, want to thank the many leaders helping to make this a reality, including:

- Mayors Bob Foster and Robert Garcia,
- Councilman Roberto Uranga,
- **Planning, Building and Public Works Department** officials including; *Linda Tatum, Ocsar Orci,*
- *David Khorram, Bill Pittman, Micheal Del Cid, Josh Hickman, Christopher Koontz and many others.*

The City Council's completion of this important action will live for years and create lasting memories for generations of deserving Long Beach families.

Cordially,

Kardent Design, Planning and Management

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Dilday'.

Richard Dilday
President