

LONG BEACH

HERITAGE



April 2, 2014

Long Beach City Council
333 West Ocean Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Long Beach City Council,

The board members of Long Beach Heritage are deeply concerned about the recent sale of the home on 205 La Verne Avenue in Belmont Shore and the plan to demolish the home in order to create eight parking spaces for the adjacent businesses on 2nd Street. As you may be aware, the home at 205 La Verne Avenue was built in the Spanish Colonial Revival Style and is a United States architectural stylistic movement arising in the early 20th century based on the Spanish Colonial architecture of the Spanish colonization of the Americas. Embraced principally in California and Florida, the Spanish Colonial Revival movement enjoyed its greatest popularity between 1915 and 1931. 205 La Verne was a product of that movement and has historically relevant features. This home like many in Belmont Shore creates charm and brings historical significance to the neighborhood. These Spanish Colonial Revival Style homes are very much woven into the fabric of the Belmont Shore community, no matter how small, each and every one of them adds architectural interest and appeal to the neighborhood. The board members of Long Beach Heritage do not condone the sale of this property for its intended purpose, to create eight parking spaces. We instead, implore you to preserve this home and maintain that sense of original charm and historic character that Belmont Shore continues to hold for future generations to enjoy and treasure.

Sincerely,

Melinda Roney
President, Long Beach Heritage

Tami Dowgiewicz, EdS
VP of Education, Long Beach Heritage
Belmont Shore Resident

CC. Amy Bodek, City of Long Beach Planning Commission