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Linda Tatum

Director, Development Services

City of Long Beach

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Dear Ms. Tatum:

Long Beach Heritage was recently contacted by the design team working on a hotel development located at 100 E Ocean Boulevard to confirm our interest in access to the tunnel.

The Jergins tunnel is part of the tunnel system that originally provided safe access to the beach under Ocean Boulevard. Over the years, these tunnels have been blocked off, demolished, or otherwise wiped from our city's history as adjacent sites have been redeveloped. The Jergins tunnel is one of the last intact tunnels; including access to the tunnel within this development will ensure a connection to Long Beach history that might otherwise be lost.

Long Beach Heritage is regularly contacted with inquiries about access to the tunnel which unfortunately has been boarded up and inaccessible for several decades. It will be well received by the public to once again have access to view this tunnel.

Specifically, the development team requested that we confirm our interest regarding potential guided tours of the tunnel. We are excited to know that access to the tunnel will be a component of the hotel project and look forward to adding the Jergins tunnel to our walking tour series. We would likely add this to our monthly downtown walking tour, but may determine that this is best served with a quarterly tour focused on the tunnel and associated history.

Regards,

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cc: Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager