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The Honorable Laura Richardson, Councilmember, 6<sup>th</sup> District and  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Long Beach City Hall  
333 West Ocean Blvd., 14<sup>th</sup> Flr.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Councilmembers Richardson and O'Donnell:

We are writing to urge you to support the homeless shelter being proposed for 1368 Oregon Avenue by denying the appeals from the Planning Commission.

I am very much in support of the proposed shelter. As business owner along the Anaheim Street corridor, I am faced with having to deal with homeless individuals every day. These individuals are in my business parking lot begging for food and money from my customers. As a result, my customers avoid or discontinue shopping at my store, causing loss of revenues for my and surrounding businesses. Moreover, homeless encampments along the sidewalks and alleys of Anaheim Street have made it impossible for businesses on Anaheim to operate after dark.

I am appealing to your wisdom to do the right thing by voting to allow the shelter to operate so that these homeless individuals could get the services they need to allow the business community to operate profitably, without reluctance and anxiety. We realize that although the proposed shelter is not going to solve the problem of the entire homeless population in Long beach, it is a great start and a much-needed one!

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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CC: Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, First District  
Councilmember Dan Baker, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Councilmember Frank Colonna, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Vice Mayor, Jackie Kell, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Councilmember Val Lerch, 9<sup>th</sup> District