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DEAR CITY COUNCIL, MY NAME IS MICHAEL BARBER, 239 ST JOSEPH AVE, RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH FOR MORE THEN 40 YEARS, IAM A LONG BEACH REALTOR AND I OPERATE TWO BUSINESSES ON THE BROADWAY CORRIDOR, THE FALCON A SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD PUB, AND THE PARADISE, A PIANO BAR/DINNER HOUSE AND I WOULD LIKE TO TELL OF MY EXPERIENCES OF PARKING IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHEN TRYING TO GO TO MY ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE EVENING, I CANNOT FIND PARKING, AND UNLESS I PARK IN A RED ZONE AND RISK EXPENSIVE TICKETS, I AGAIN CAN NOT GO INTO MY OWN ESTABLISHMETS, MY CUSTOMERS ALSO CAN NOT COME INTO MY ESTABLISHMENTS, MANY HAVE CALLED, CANCELLING THEIR RESERVATIONS, AND HAVE SAID "AFTER DRIVNG AROUND FOR 45 MINUTES WE GAVE UP AND WENT SOMEWHERE ELSE, IT IS HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE A LIVNG IN THE FOOD BUSINESS, WITH WITH THIS ADDED HARDSHIP IT IS HARD TO SURVIVE. IT IS HARD TO FIND EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO WHERE TO PARK, AT LEAST ONE OF MY EMPLOYEES WHEN WORKING A NIGHT SHIFT, DRIVES HIS CAR TO WORK AT 2P.M. THEN WALKS HOME, THEN WALKS TO WORK, SO AT 2A.M HE HAS A CAR TO GET SAFELY HOME. HE WALKS 2 /2 MIUS

AS A REALTOR, WHO SPECIALIZES IN THIS AREA I CAN TELL YOU OF A CLIENT WHO WHEN WE SOLD HER HOUSE, THE TENANT WHO HAD LIVED

ON BROADWAY FOR MORE THEN 20 YEARS AND HAD NO PARKING, TOLD ME, IT WAS LIKE BEING IN PRISON, SHE WOULD RUSH HOME FROM WORK, 5 DAYS A WEEK, AND WHEN SHE GOT IN; SHE WOULD NOT LEAVE FOR FEAR OF LOSING HER PARKING PLACE, SHE STAYED ALL THOSE YEARS BECAUSE AS A TEACHER FOR DISALBED YOUTH IS WAS WHAT SHE COULD AFFORD. PLEASE DO SOMETHING, THIS SITUATION IS RUINING OR BEAUTIFUL LIL NEIGHBORHOOD, WE NEED YOUR HELP.