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From: Rocio Torres [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 8:06 AM
To: PlanningCommissioners; Alex Muldrow; Alexis Oropeza; Christopher Koontz
Cc: Mary Simmons; Cassandra Davis; Jesus Lopez; Sanghak Kan; Elsa Tung
Subject: Letter Opposing Car Wash at 1911 E. PCH Submitted by AOC7 Board Members
Attachments: AOC7 Letter in OPPOSITION OF Car Washing.docx.pdf

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Hello Planning Commissioners,
Attached you will find our letter of opposing another car wash with details.

Receive and File.

Thank you,
Rocio Torres
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AOC7 Board Member

A community that is engaged and working together is a powerful force.-Idowu Koyenikan



AOC7 Neighborhood Organization

Since 2011



November 2, 2022

Dear Planning Commissioners:

AOC7 Neighborhood Organization opposes the addition of a car wash at 1911 East Pacific Coast Highway, near the intersection of Cherry Ave and Pacific Coast Highway. We are in a highly impacted urban district which is in need of affordable housing, greater walkability, and more green spaces. Along PCH within a mile of this location are two other car washes; this car wash will not bring any additional resources to our community.

Our city is in a housing crisis and any available land should create safe, equitable, and walkable neighborhoods. A car wash is a large, impermeable paved space that increases vehicle traffic across the sidewalk, decreasing walkability, decreasing green space, and creating a space that is not being asked for by our community.

We urge that this area be designated as affordable housing with commercial, wellness, or community spaces. There are currently 3,296 homeless residents in the city of Long Beach. According to the 2020 Census, Long Beach's unemployment went from 4.5% in 2019 to 13% in 2020. Meanwhile, rents continue to rise, especially in traditionally affordable neighborhoods. Over the past five years, **rents have risen by 40% in 90813**, 35% in 90804 and 32% in 90805.

We will continue to have a rise in homelessness in the 90813 due to the lack of affordable housing.

Our neighborhood needs more affordable housing with commercial, wellness or community spaces contributing to our neighborhood. Our neighborhood needs more space to help build community. Our neighborhood needs commercial storefronts that bring healthier choice options.

Our neighborhood **does not need** another car wash.

Sincerely,

AOC7 Neighborhood Organization Board Members
Cassandra Davis
Jesus Lopez
Sanghak Kan
Mary Simmons
Rocio Torres