



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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Mayor Bob Foster and City Council Members  
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Mayor Foster and City Council Members:

The Citizens Advisory Commission on Disabilities (CACoD), the voice of the disabled community, respectfully requests that you consider our recommendation regarding the City's Visitability Ordinance Section 18.96.020 Definitions- C: an impact fee exemption is a "similar" financial advantage from the City or its agents.

We commend Councilmen Dee Andrews, Chair, for the recommendation presented by the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee on January 5, 2010, regarding City Council's consent to calendar item #09-0833 (Recommendation to City Council to concur in recommendation of the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to approve revising the Long Beach Municipal Code to include single-family and duplex projects as possible impact fee exemptions).

CACoD is concerned with the City's progress of the Visitability Ordinance (2002), which requires that newly constructed single-family and duplex dwellings that receive assistance from the City or its agents, are visitable for people with disabilities. We believe that rebuilding existing single-family and duplex projects are newly constructed projects. Therefore, if a "similar" financial advantage such as an impact fee exemption is received from the City, the Visitability Ordinance must be implemented.

Hence, we respectfully request that you consider and approve our recommendation that an impact fee exemption is a "similar" financial advantage from the City or its agents.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this important matter.

If we can be of any assistance; then, please feel free to contact us at (562) 570-6803.

Sincerely,

*Frances Emily Dawson Harris*

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CACoD, Chairperson

cc. Robert Shannon, City Attorney  
Deborah R. Mills, Acting Director of Department of Human Resources  
Dora Hogan, City's ADA Compliance Officer