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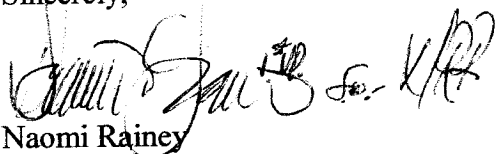
Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

The Long Beach Branch NAACP is supportive of any effort to improve the quality of life for members in our community, especially those who are homeless and economically challenged.

In Long Beach there are documented 6000 homeless individuals who are mothers and fathers, veterans, elders, and children. They come from our neighbors, our co-workers, and our families. Therefore we support any efforts to address the homelessness issue in our community.

Furthermore, we are very saddened if a position from a local branch in Columbus Ohio of year 2000 is being used to represent the position of National NAACP and/or the Local Long Beach Branch NAACP. The Long Beach Branch, as any local branch, falls under the jurisdiction of the National Office NAACP. Local branches address specific issues in their respective community within the guidelines of our constitution. And because the homeless issues in long beach impacts youth, seniors, veterans, women, economics, and many people of color, we stand in support of providing shelter for the homeless in the Long Beach.

Sincerely,



Naomi Rainey
President
Long Beach Branch NAACP