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**Sent:** Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:30 PM

**To:** Council District 2 <District2@longbeach.gov>; Connor Lock <Connor.Lock@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; Diana Tang <Diana.Tang@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Eric Lopez <Eric.Lopez@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** Proposed Expansion of Alamitos Beach Parking Lot

**-EXTERNAL-**

I wish to go on record opposing any further encroachment on the sand in Alamitos Beach, especially the lot located at Ocean Blvd. and Shoreline Drive. This area has already been negatively impacted by the addition of 3 major residential build near the intersection of Alamitos and Ocean Blvd.

Remember our City name is Long BEACH not long parking lot!!!

Respectfully submitted by long time District 2 resident, voter and property owner.

William Adams

**From:** Kirk Cartozian [mailto:kirk@gauchogrill.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** Adrian Amosa <adrian@gauchogrill.com>; Kirk Cartozian <kirk@gauchogrill.com>  
**Subject:** 21-0807 Version: 1 Name: ED/PRM/PW - Beach Concession agrmnts D3

**-EXTERNAL-**

<http://longbeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5081456&GUID=DE5E4356-8FED-49DB-86A7-6AEB2CFDC4CF>

<http://longbeach.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9701739&GUID=D8579BFC-25C7-4C0B-A1AB-F3AD99016F5E>

Dear Madam City Clerk -

As it pertains to Item #24 (File #21-0807) on next Tuesday, August 17th council agenda, we would like the following document to be provided to the mayor and council members for consideration.

Thank you,

Kirk and Adrian

Kirk Cartozian and Adrian Amosa  
Gaucho Beach, Café & Mercado  
(a division of Gaucho Grill Argentine Steakhouse)  
Downey - West Covina - Buena Park  
(Coming to Long Beach & Pasadena in 2022!)  
[kirk@gauchogrill.com](mailto:kirk@gauchogrill.com)



Dear City of Long Beach's Alamitos Beach Selection Committee:

It brings me great pride to write this letter of support and commendation for another restaurant group in our fine community. Though I have no affiliation or financial benefit from their endeavors, I wholeheartedly believe the proprietors at Gaucho/ Unique Concepts to be the finest and most creative of food service operators I know.

Adrian Amosa and Kirk Cartozian can deliver a top-notch design, experience and cuisine to our beach shore closest to the downtown. As you may know, years ago, I was one of those who took a chance on our wonderful downtown. The 1990's and early 2000's were respectfully known as our most recent renaissance.

Adrian Amosa has similarly been part of the belief in our downtown, as well as city at-large. Mr. Amosa has launched, operated and/or remedied five different venues in the City of Long Beach. He has served as a critically important business neighbor and advisor to me and other operators in the downtown. During our many recent challenges last year, Mr. Amosa was perhaps the person upon whom I most relied. He was the one from whom I most sought assistance in our need to rebuild and recover. He has always believed in Long Beach's downtown and I'm beyond excited that he has such a bold vision to bring Gaucho Beach & Café to our area at this most needed time.

I am certain you will agree that our downtown is at another pivotal moment. It is our challenge to deliver the next renaissance to the Long Beach downtown area, including the areas programmed near the convention center and the beach shore.

It would serve the City of Long Beach well to select an operator, team and concept that knows, loves and commits to our city as much as I have. I know the operation of the concessions at Alamitos Beach can be a dynamite addition and injection of energy to our local commerce. A venue such as the one they have described to me will serve to bring many more visitors to an area that needs it now more than ever.

From my discussions with them, the Gaucho Beach & Café team seeks to attract and retain an average of more than 500 daily visitors to our shore and surrounding area.

I would be most pleased to see them flourish in our fine city and to be a part of our next renaissance.

Kindest Regards,

Terry Antonelli /L'opera

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terry Antonelli", is written over the typed name.

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Downs [mailto:nancydowns562@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 3:44 PM

To: Diana Tang <Diana.Tang@longbeach.gov>; Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>;  
district2@longbeach.gov; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>; Eric Lopez <Eric.Lopez@longbeach.gov>;  
Cindy Allen <Cindy.Allen@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Alamitos Beach parking lot expansion

-EXTERNAL-

I currently reside at 850 E Ocean, the building next to Villa Riviera and we are most concerned that there is talk of expanding the parking lot in front of our building.

This would severely impact our quality of life. The noise from the Alamitos beach lot is a continual challenge. Currently there are no parking lots directly in front of condo units.

We suggest that the elephant lot be used, or the green area on shoreline, perhaps diagonal parking along shoreline.

Please consider this as you make your decision about this parking.

Nancy Downs

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Mark Dunton <[mark@therisu.com](mailto:mark@therisu.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:55 AM  
**To:** Connor Lock <[Connor.Lock@longbeach.gov](mailto:Connor.Lock@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Alamitos beach Bid

**-EXTERNAL-**

Cindy,

I hope all is well. We submitted an incredible bid for the Alamitos Beach location and it **wasn't awarded to us**. Locally owned, Women, and Minority run. Can we discuss?

562-822-5729

Please see the below:

My name is Davina Hernandez, and as you know, I submitted a bid for the Alamitos Beach concession stand. We wanted to thank you for the opportunity. Although my team was disappointed to hear we did not receive the restaurant, we hoped another local group with a unique concept had won. Our concern is that Long Beach will be represented with a chain like Gaucho Grill occupying the only restaurant on the water in Alamitos Beach. I believe that the community in Long Beach has been vocal about supporting local, women and minority run businesses. I believe that the values of Long Beach should be shown when choosing a vendor for this location as it will be a huge attraction. In addition, Gaucho Grill has already had a go in downtown Long Beach and was not successful. I hope you will take this into consideration, and even if you don't reconsider the bids you have already, please hold off until you find one that better represents what is important to its residents.

Sincerely,

Davina

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**Mark Dunton**  
**Owner/Operator**  
**RISU Wine & Bar**

**From:** LINDA HARCHARIC <[lindaharcharic@gmail.com](mailto:lindaharcharic@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 12, 2021 5:22 PM  
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**Cc:** Connor Lock <[Connor.Lock@longbeach.gov](mailto:Connor.Lock@longbeach.gov)>; Mayor <[Mayor@longbeach.gov](mailto:Mayor@longbeach.gov)>; Diana Tang <[Diana.Tang@longbeach.gov](mailto:Diana.Tang@longbeach.gov)>; CityClerk <[CityClerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov)>; Eric Lopez <[Eric.Lopez@longbeach.gov](mailto:Eric.Lopez@longbeach.gov)>  
**Subject:** Proposed Expansion of Alamitos Beach Parking Lot

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello, Ms. Allen,

I understand as the councilwoman in charge of exploring the costs/feasibility of expanding the Alamitos Beach parking lot, you are welcoming input on the matter.

Upon hearing of this proposed expansion, I am reminded of the lyrics to Big Yellow Taxi: "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

As a 22-year owner and resident in the Pacific Condominiums located at 850 E. Ocean Blvd. in Long Beach, I am adamantly opposed to that lot's expansion eastward onto the sand in front of my building or any other building on the ocean side of Ocean Blvd.

If you are intent upon expanding the lot, please do so westward in the grassy area along Shoreline Drive, or use the Shoreline Convention Center parking lot that sits empty most of the time. That Convention Center Lot could have additional stories added to increase parking. Using the funds to improve public transportation to the area is also a worthy alternative.

The current noise from the Alamitos Beach Parking Lot, including the ice cream/food vendors' truck bells and loud chatter/screaming/laughter of their clientele who use the lot for business purposes and all night parties with booming music, already decreases the quality of life of those who live in the area. Additionally, we already are negatively impacted by the noise pollution, air pollution, and congestion from traffic on Ocean Blvd. and Shoreline Drive: heavy traffic, sirens, helicopters, garbage trucks, and construction equipment for the high-rise being built at the corner of Alamitos and Ocean.

It is a proven fact that noise pollution leads to harmful effects in humans and other living organisms: NIHL (noise induced hearing loss), high blood pressure, heart disease, sleep disturbances, stress, respiratory agitation, racing pulse, headaches, and even gastritis, colitis, and heart attacks. Studies even show that noise pollution can cause cognitive impairment, depression, and neurodegenerative disorders.

Besides the noise pollution, expanding that lot will bring increased air pollution from motor vehicle emissions and traffic congestion. The recent construction of several high rises in the Ocean Blvd./Alamitos Ave. area multiplied the traffic, congestion, pollution, and noise and further negatively impacted the area's residents. Motor vehicle emissions contribute to ambient levels of air toxins known as human and animal carcinogens which also can have noncancerous health effects, such as neurological, cardiovascular, respiratory, reproductive and/or immune system damage. Car exhausts

contain gases such as carbon dioxide that contribute to the existing global climate change crisis. The particulate matter generated by this increased traffic is deposited in layers on our balconies and within our homes when we open the windows.

Finally, these parking lots invite crime. In the last two months there have been two shootings at night, one resulting in a murder on August 6th, and broken windows in surrounding residences, as a result of parking lot (some with homeless camps) parties with loud music disturbing the peace. This area of Long Beach is no longer a safe place to live.

For all of these adverse air/noise/traffic/congestion/crime/decreased quality of life effects expanding the Alamitos Beach Parking Lot would have upon residents of the area, I beg you not to do so.

Thank you.

Regards,  
Linda Harcharic



From: **John Sangmeister** <[john.sangmeister@gmail.com](mailto:john.sangmeister@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 10:45 PM  
Subject: Alamitos Beach Concessions  
To: <[cindy.allen@longbeach.gov](mailto:cindy.allen@longbeach.gov)>  
Cc: <[divinazworld81@gmail.com](mailto:divinazworld81@gmail.com)>, Sarah Sangmeister <[ssangmeister@peacockpiper.com](mailto:ssangmeister@peacockpiper.com)>

Dear Council Member Allen,

The August 17 Long Beach City Council meeting includes Agenda Item 24. 21-0807.

The agenda item calls for:

"Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to enter into Beach Concession Agreements with Monty's Beach, a California limited liability company, and Downey Restaurant Company, Inc., dba Gaucho Grill, for the operation of a food concession at Granada Beach and Alamitos Beach, respectively, on the stated terms and conditions, including options to renew at the discretion of the City Manager; and Authorize City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute any necessary modifications to the proposed terms that may be necessary to expedite establishment of the beach concessions operation. **(Districts 2,3)**"

Ms. Divina Hernandez and Mark Dunton were bidders for the Alamitos Beach Concessions. Sarah Sangmeister and I also bid on the RFP.

Collectively, we found the entire process was murky at best filled with inconsistencies with different rules for different players. We're asking for a little sunshine to be shown upon the process so that all can feel confident the process was fair and transparent.

We would request a meeting as a group prior to the August 17 Council meeting. **At that meeting will request that the Council table this Agenda item until the process can be fully reviewed and evaluated.** I have copied Ms. Hernandez and Sarah on this email. We will make ourselves available to your schedule.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Sangmeister



**From:** carolin thelen <[carolinthelen@msn.com](mailto:carolinthelen@msn.com)>  
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**Subject:** The Alamitos Beach Parking Lot south of Ocean Boulevard near Shoreline Drive.

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Cindy Allen and Constituents,

This news about the lack of parking is understandable, but this particular parking lot I simply call "the ghetto parking lot" . Although most people that park their cars there are coming to do just that and enjoy the beach and bike rides etc. And I am sure they actually pay for the parking. Others come to park ,hang out , do drugs ,and blast music . Profanity loaded rap-music ( n-words , f-words etc ) , that echos up any high-rise . Closing the windows and balcony doors help just a little, but I don't want to shut them in the summertime . Or anytime really .

Last year I called the non-emergency # of the LBPD many times regarding the noise violations, and I was told to have the car brand and license plate # ready during the call. So I went to the lot several times and took photos of the plates . Unfortunately, one car-owner noticed it , got out of his BMW , starting yelling at me , confronted me , called me a f...king white b..ch 3 times over and then spit right into my face . Luckily I wore a mask because of Covid . It was Halloween evening around 9pm , 2020, and there might be a record of it somewhere in the PD. The response by the LBPD was not really much better than the actual assault . I got a lecture from one cop , telling me to have the front desk guy in my building should call next time this happens . Really ?!! And I should not go down to the parking lot .Really !?

Then he asked if I wanted to press charges , but I would need to go to court . I don't want to go to court . I want peace of mind, and not having to listen to boommbloomboom anytime of the day and night .

The drugs being sold and used in that lot are not my problem . I also do not care if anybody overdoses.

I am very much for all for the following :

Additional bicycle parking, possibly secured bicycle parking • Storage lockers for beachgoers who choose to walk or bus or bike, rather than drive cars. These could be similar to those adjacent to the Alamitos Bay concession stand • Electric car and e-bike charging stations • Designated scooter parking areas Additional bicycle parking, possibly secured bicycle parking • Storage lockers for beachgoers who choose to walk or bus or bike, rather than drive cars. These could be similar to those adjacent to the Alamitos Bay concession stand • Electric car and e-bike charging stations • Designated scooter parking areas

Maybe the patrons of the future concession stand can have free parking in the lot . Other than that , please do not have the parking lot expanded. I do not even think a barrier to the parking lot would help . Like the ones at Junipero at the beach . The crowd is the same , parking their cars at the beach and blasting music etc.

Sincerely ,  
Carolin Thelen