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The Honorable Rae Gabelich  
Long Beach City Council, District 8  
333 W. Ocean Blvd. 14th floor  
Long Beach, California 90802

Dear Councilwoman Gabelich,

Thank you for assisting and supporting For the Child as we continue to provide critical services to abused and neglected children in our community. For The Child, formerly Cedar House and Sarah Center, has just completed 30 years of service to vulnerable children and their families in Long Beach.

As discussed, we are requesting your help and that of the City Council to have our property at 4565 California Avenue restored to commercial zoning. Our property was commercially zoned when purchased by Cedar House in 1994. Thinking of the future, the agency purchased a property that had potential for program expansion. *The property was apparently rezoned from commercial to residential (R3s), without the agency's knowledge, approximately one year after purchase.* Its current residential zoning limits our work. We are requesting your help in returning us to a zoning designation that will allow us to expand our facility to meet community needs.

For The Child has been a good neighbor in our 12 years at this site. At this point in time our intent is to improve the property and be here for many more years! We do understand your concerns regarding potential future ownership. We will continue to work with the City to not only provide important services to the community, but to continue to be a good neighbor. Therefore, should there ever come a time that the agency decides to market this property, the agency will, in good faith, use its best efforts to give the City at least 120 days notice of its intent to market the property. Thereafter, in addition to its other independent marketing efforts, the agency will work with the City to identify potential buyers that the City believes best fit into the neighborhood at that time.

Thank you again for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,

  
Sharon Miller, Esq.  
President, Board of Directors

  
Dr. Michele Winterstein  
Executive Director