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9 January 2018

Long Beach City Council  
333 W Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Support for Vistas del Puerto Project

Dear Long Beach City Council Members,

Included in this package are letters in support of Vistas del Puerto, a project located at 1836-1852 Locust Ave. Long Beach, CA 90806. Vistas del Puerto will provide 48 new apartments and by doing so, bring much needed affordable, permanent supportive housing to Long Beach.

Each letter notes the pressing problem that is housing affordability in Long Beach and the need for new affordable housing for accommodate the population. I urge you to approve the general plan amendment that is needed for us to effectuate this development.

Clifford Beers Housing is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating thoughtfully designed, affordable and integrated communities to enhance the lives of individuals and families who have experienced mental illness and homelessness. To date, CBH has over 500 affordable homes completed or in the pipeline to completion, including three apartment communities in Long Beach.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Luna  
Housing Director



November 30, 2017

Ms. Vanessa Luna  
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North Hollywood, CA 91606

RE: Vistas del Puerto: 1836-1852 Locust Ave, Long Beach, CA 90806

Dear Ms. Luna,

I am writing in support of your Vistas del Puerto apartments on Locust Avenue that will be developed on a vacant lot owned by The Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC). We are pleased to see the project will address two of Long Beach's most critical issues – affordable housing and homelessness. As an owner, developer and operator of affordable housing, including The Century Villages at Cabrillo campus in West Long Beach which houses about 1,500 persons, most of whom were formerly homeless, we are very cognizant of the vast need for projects like Vista del Puerto.

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There is a clear need for a permanent solution to the challenge of housing Long Beach's low income families and vulnerable individuals. We wish you the best of luck with your project approvals and look forward to a timely completion of Vistas del Puerto.

Sincerely,

Oscar Alvarado, Vice President  
Century Affordable Development, Inc.

Cc: Brian D'Andrea, President, Century Affordable Development, Inc.



*Celebrating More Than 20 Years of Building Hope, Lives & Communities*

December 5, 2017

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Sincerely,

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Darrell Simien  
Vice President  
Real Estate and Forward Planning

December 1, 2017



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Dear Ms. Luna,

Mental Health America of Los Angeles (MHALA) would like to take this opportunity to voice its strong support of your Vistas del Puerto apartments on Locust Avenue. As an organization that provides mental health and other services to individuals who usually live below the poverty line, we can attest to the extreme difficulties that those we serve experience in finding housing. When they do, it often places them in the situation of being severely rent burdened by having to pay more than 50% of their income toward to rent.

By turning what is now a vacant lot owned by The Long Beach Community Investment Company (LBCIC), the project will help to address what most will agree is one of Long Beach's most pressing issues, a serious lack of affordable housing. In Long Beach alone, the 2013-2021 Housing Element revealed approximately 86% of extremely low income (households with less than 30 percent average median income) had housing problems. In addition, the Long Beach 2017 Point-In-Time Count found that 1,863 people are without a home.

As you know, MHALA is the process of rehabilitating a nearby property to become an integrated healthcare center for individuals experiencing homelessness. It's exciting to know that the Vistas del Puerto's 47 units of affordable apartments, twenty-four of which will be targeted toward residents who have experienced homelessness, will be coming on line in the near future, and may offer some of those we serve an opportunity to finally have safe and reliable housing. Moreover, having affordable housing strategically positioned in a transit node will be critical in helping future residents to navigate to school, work, and other life responsibilities, making Vistas del Puerto a prime example of housing that aligns with the Midtown Specific Plan. In addition, by providing on-site supportive services free of charge to residents, Vistas del Puerto will help its formerly homeless residents stabilize their lives and remain housed.

The need for permanent housing solutions is clear. MHALA supports the development of Vistas del Puerto and believes that a timely completion is essential for the benefit of the community.

Sincerely,

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Christina Miller, Ph.D.

President and CEO

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**The Children's Clinic**  
"Serving Children & Their Families"

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Sincerely,

Elisa Nicholas, MD, MSPH  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Sincerely,

Alyssa Bray, LMFT  
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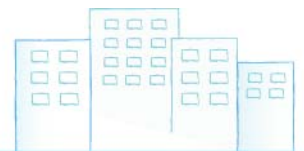
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Sincerely,

Joshua D. Butler  
Executive Director





- a PICO National Network affiliate -

January 3, 2018

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Merideth Madole

December 7, 2017

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Barbara Ashba

18-7-17

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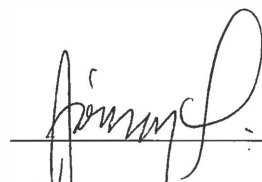
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Sincerely,

  
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ANGELA PEREZ

12/7/17

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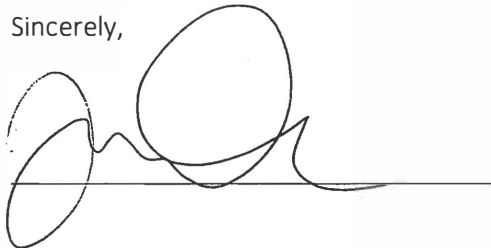
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Tania Ovalle-Perez



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