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## -EXTERNAL-

## City Leaders of Long Beach,

We write this email to express the love that we have for your City, as aspiring new residence, but it also comes with great dismay as my brother and I (African American) have experienced multiple forms of barriers to entry as tenants within the affluent communities of Belmont Shores, Naples, and the Peninsula.

Within the last two months we've had the most horrid experiences when trying to become a tenant within your communities.

We've even escalated these matters to Fair Housing, HUD, BBB, and the Department of Real Estate, as from these experiences it feels like a new form of redlining which cannot be touch as it's not considered direct and obvious discrimination.

We are bringing this to the attention of all of you City Leaders in hopes that you can hear these experiences and identify if this is just the way of the landlords in Long Beach.

We hope this message finds you and your family's well, and that you can shine a better light on our Long Beach experience.

If this is of interest to you to understand further and rectify, we'd be happy to provide detailed accounts of our experience.

-Sebastian V.