

My name is Kristie Pabst and I live in the 3rd District at 291 St. Joseph Avenue which is in Belmont Heights.

Our City is unique; we are an older city, we have been around since 1882. Because of our age, we are categorized as a built out city; we have no additional parcels of land to build much needed high-end executive housing. Our city needs high salaried executives moving into our community, to buy our retail goods, open businesses, hire our residents and send their children to our award winning schools. But, if we do not have the appropriate housing and we take away the ability to create a beautiful family home, they will NOT move into our community. They will go to Orange County or Signal Hill to buy that beautiful family home and we end up being the big loser, again. We will lose the sales tax dollars generated by high income earners.

Much of our housing stock has been around since the 1920's. The small 2 or 3 bedroom, one bath California Bungalow or Classic

Spanish homes with 1000 to 1800 sq. ft. will not accommodate today's families. The Long Beach Unified School District has made great strides towards excellence in our schools. We now have families wanting to live in Long Beach and send their children to our schools. As a city, we need to encourage homeowners to improve our aging housing stock, not shackle them with numerous restrictions or impede their rights to homeownership. We can not put additional restrictions on the ability to remodel our old and non-functional housing stock. We have building codes, set-back requirements and zoning regulations already on our books that are reasonable and just. We do not need to put additional restrictions on what people can do to their own home. We can not take away peoples' rights to improve their home to accommodate their family and life style. Don't forget when an older home is remodeled and much needed square footage is added, the value of that home increases greatly. The property tax revenue that Long Beach receives goes up and we all win.

Council members please do not make any changes to the existing zoning requirements. It is not a positive or a productive move for the city of Long Beach.