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Mayor Beverly O'Neill and the Long Beach City Council
City Hall
333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 14th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802
Fax (562) 570-6789 - City Clerk

Re: Proposed Homeless Shelter at 1368 Oregon Avenue, Long Beach, CA

Dear Madam Mayor and Council Persons,

I respectfully request that you deny the proposed homeless shelter at 1368 Oregon Avenue. I appreciate the mitigation required by the Planning Commission, which restricts the operation of the shelter. If the shelter were operated as required by the Planning Commission, there would be minimal impact on our area. If the shelter is approved, please require the Planning Commission's mitigations be a part of the lease.

It is my fear that after the investment is made in the facility and the foot is in the door, over time, operating standards will slip, budgets and priorities will change, and the applicant/operator will change. At this point, the homeless shelter will become a walk-in facility with great impact on the businesses in the area and my property located across the street from the shelter. This will make the area less desirable resulting in building vacancies, lower rent and property values, and ultimately, less jobs and taxes.

The Planning Commission and yourselves will be hard pressed to deny an application for a change of operating procedures required by future budget shortfalls, changes in priorities, etcetera, requested by an honorable operator of the shelter. You will be locked in and we will be stuck with the unintentional result.

Respectfully,


Richard W. Bechler, President

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