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Cc: jessica-centrocha < jessica@centrocha.org>

Subject: I oppose the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave and request a full EIR for this project

-EXTERNAL-

Good Evening

Please find attached a letter in support of the appeal to City Council Agenda Item#29 regarding the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave.

Centro CHA is in favor of the appeal, and requests a full Environmental Impact Review for the warehouse development project at 5910 Cherry Ave 90805.

Sincerely

Francisco Martinez Centro CHA Date: 03/21/2023

**To:** Office of the City Clerk **Attention:** Monique De La Garza, CMC City Clerk 411 W. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90802



## Subject: Council Agenda Item# 29: To appeal the warehouse development at 5910 Cherry Ave and request a full EIR for this project

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Jessica Quintana and I am a long-time local resident and home owner located in zip code 90805. I am also Executive Director of the local non-profit organization Centro CHA Inc. in which exists with the mission to increase the quality source of programs and services that are dedicated to improve the social and economic development of low- income youth and families in Long Beach. Our vision of a thriving community is one where investments for low-income communities and environments are a priority, and where residents are connected, civically engaged, working, and living in sustainable homes, schools, and communities.

I'm concerned about family and children's health living in the surrounding zip code 90805 and whom will be adversely impacted by the proposed warehouse project. Therefore, I am in favor of the appeal, and I request a full Environmental Impact Review for the warehouse development project at 5910 Cherry Ave 90805.

According to CalEnviroScreen, North Long Beach has high levels of air pollution that endanger human health by causing respiratory conditions such as asthma, wheezing, decreased lung function, increased likelihood of hospital visits, heart disease, and even early death. Research shows these kinds of projects bring traffic, noise, and pollution to nearby neighborhoods, putting the health of the community in danger and diminishing the quality-of-life.

The city should ask for a plan EIR of the area and adopt a set of regulations to reduce/control pollution before approving these kinds of developments. Having a plan EIR in place before the approval of new developments will identify the proper mitigation and conditions to protect the health of the community and facilitate the project's approval while encouraging responsible developments.

Adopting policies to guide warehouse development in the city's general plan will also help jurisdictions comply with their obligations under SB 1000. This requires local government general plans to identify objectives and policies to reduce health risks in disadvantaged communities, promote civil engagement in the public decision-making process, and prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities. This is not about just limiting the harmful PM emissions from trucks, but about mitigating long standing pollution in the air, land, and water, and improving the quality of life, as promised, in the communities most burdened by overall pollution.

I urge the city council to protect our health by approving the appeal and requesting a full EIR.

Sincerely

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