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To larry_herrera@longbeach.gov
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Dear Mr. Herrera,

I have sent the following comments to both Councilman DeLong and Mayor Foster. Councilman DeLong encouraged me to send them along to you in the hope that you might distribute to the other Councilmembers. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

As a resident of Belmont Heights, and frequent user of Marina Vista Park, I am in full support of the open water channel to the Colorado Lagoon. I think the improvements seem like a fantastic addition to our community. I have spoken with many other residents who feel the same. We recognize the clear benefits, both recreational and environmental, that this will bring to our neighborhood, and we are not afraid of a little change for the better.

I have also spoken with some of the residents who oppose the changes. I feel that their arguments are misguided, and sometimes fueled with misinformation. Residents in Windward Point who suddenly oppose the channel appear to be taking the stance that their housing development would be in danger of exposure to "undesirables!" The fears of a few residents, not based on any facts, cannot be given more credence than the well-thought out, much researched and funded project that FOCL has put forth. With the time for comment and concerns already expired, I urge the City Council to move forward on this exceptional project.

I thank you for your support on this issue. Making the environment healthier can only benefit us all, especially our children, and I think it will be a more beautiful park. This is the kind of development that I can really get behind. It brings Long Beach to the forefront of Urban Renewal and Environmental Conservation efforts. I hope you will convey my sentiments to the City Council.

Sincerely,
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