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Subject: Support for General Plan Rezoning

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Planning Commission,

I am a Long Beach resident who would like to voice my strong support for the rezoning efforts that the Commission is undertaking in North Long Beach.

North Long Beach has borne a significant burden of harmful, decades-old zoning practices which have their roots in the redlining of the early 20th century. These practices make it nearly impossible to build new homes, and are one of the primary factors driving our housing affordability and homelessness crisis. The current zoning code also force residents and visitors to rely exclusively on the car as a means of transportation, which over the years has resulted in the deaths of hundreds of people by direct traffic violence as well as illness and death through pollution and secondary effects.

The proposed zoning changes are a small step towards undoing some of these harms and allowing North Long Beach to reshape itself into a safe, economically thriving, and sustainable region in our city. Long Beach residents want and need to be able to build walkable, safe neighborhoods. These zoning changes will finally make it legal for them to do so.

Thank you,

Seth Freeman