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**LCP-5-LOB-21-0089-3-Part B (City of Long Beach,
Motel/Hotel Conversions & Unpermitted Dwelling Units)**

MARCH 9, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE

March 2, 2023

Donne Brownsey
Chair
California Coastal Commission
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Dear Chair Brownsey,

The City of Long Beach (City) submitted a Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) Request No. 3-21 (LCP-5-LOB-21-0088-2) that included two critical ordinances related to policies in the City's Housing Element: Interim Motel/Hotel Conversion Ordinance (ORD-20-0041) and Unpermitted Dwelling Unit Amnesty Program (ORD-21-0002). The Housing Element of the General Plan, as required by State law, builds on previous City plans, goals, objectives, and strategies to ensure that the City meets the housing needs of current and future Long Beach residents and provides fair housing options for all. The Housing Element was adopted by the Long Beach City Council on February 8, 2022 and was certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on April 8, 2022, signifying the City's compliance with State Housing Element law.

The City appreciates the California Coastal Commission staff's close attention to detail and coordination with City staff in arriving at suggested modifications to the ordinances that will comply with the Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program, while also providing a path forward to address housing and homelessness policies in the City's Certified Housing Element. The City accepts the suggested modifications included in the agendized item for March 9, 2023.

The City of Long Beach has taken many pro-housing actions and set forth a plan to dramatically increase the production and preservation of housing in the City's Certified Housing Element. Despite the efforts of the City of Long Beach, other cities and counties and the State of California, the housing crisis has only deepened in recent years. The City is developing additional housing and homelessness ordinances to implement the policies in the Housing Element and looks forward to working with Coastal Commission staff and other state agencies, particularly HCD, to address housing needs. Addressing the housing crisis will require flexibility on the part of the City but also from the Coastal Commission and HCD.



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The two ordinances submitted as part of this LCPA implement distinct goals and policies listed in the Housing Element, for which the City is encouraged by the ability for application in all areas, including the coastal areas of our city. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the project contact, Maryanne Cronin, at (562) 570-5683 or Maryanne.Cronin@longbeach.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,


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