

Date: November 23, 2020

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From:  Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission Support for Open Streets Initiative Parklets in the Belmont Shore Area**

At its meeting on October 15, 2020, the Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission expressed a desire to submit a letter in support of the Open Streets Initiative parklets in the Belmont Shore area.

If you would like any further information regarding this communication, please contact April Walker, Community Projects Officer, at (562) 570-6561 or via email at April.Walker@LongBeach.gov.

ATTACHMENT

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**BELMONT SHORE PARKING AND BUSINESS
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November 16, 2020

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Long Beach
411 W. Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: City of Long Beach Open Streets Initiative Parklets in the Belmont Shore Area

Dear Mayor Garcia and Members of the Long Beach City Council,

The Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission (Parking Commission) wishes to express to the Long Beach City Council its unanimous support of the Open Streets Initiative, and specifically, the approved parklets currently deployed throughout the Belmont Shore area. Further, the Parking Commission supports the decision to extend the initiative to December 31, 2020.

On behalf of the Parking Commission, our many businesses, including retail, service, and hospitality, our residents, and our visitors, we would like to express our support for the consideration of extending the initiative and specifically parklets in Belmont Shore beyond December 31, 2020.

Given the temporary nature of the parklets, the Parking Commission further expresses support for the parklets to be considered as a permanent installation within Belmont Shore. Consideration for permanent conversion would be met with appropriate code adherence, permitting requirements, safety enhancements, and design aesthetics.

The Parking Commission would like to express to the City Council how beneficial the Open Streets Initiative and the parklets have been for the continued viability and livelihood of our many businesses. The parklets bring additional opportunities to many of our businesses by increasing visitors to the district.

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The Parking Commission and commissioners offer to the city their continued support and willingness to assist in any way moving forward with conceptual, design, logistics, and planning discussions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matthew Peterson, Chair

Belmont Shore Parking and Business Improvement Area Advisory Commission