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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2021**

### **J.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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Dear Mayor and Council:

I am very dismayed that despite thousands of pages of thoughtful and correct comments to BCHDs EIR, that BCHD ignored the comments and approved a 133-1/2 above the street design. I am not surprised at BCHD's disingenuous action however. BCHD has been ignoring the over 1,200 surrounding residents and their petition for project change for 4 years.

In 2017, BCHD provided a diagram showing the philosophy of the project was deep setbacks and parking around the perimeter to protect homes.

In 2019, BHCD proposed a 60-foot tall compound, built around 3 sides of the perimeter of the lot, up against home lot lines.

In 2020, after significant and negative neighborhood input, BCHD approved a plan after only 3 days of public input that had a 75-foot, 6-story structure built on the north-most lot line. The 2020 plan removed 160,000 sqft of underground parking and resulted in nearly 80,000 sqft of additional surface buildings. Overall, the 2020 plan was both taller, and more square feet of surface structures, including a 10-story parking ramp.

In 2021, the final BCHD proposal was even taller, at 133-1/2 feet above the surrounding streets.

BCHD, its CEO and Board have been tone deaf to the local community. Increasing both the height and square feet of the compound in the face of local neighborhood objections accurately characterizes BCHD lack of engagement with the surrounding community. The surrounding neighbors plan to aggressively participate in the City of Redondo design review process and the conditional use permit process to protect the character and home values of our neighborhood.

Over 80% of the 133-1/2 foot tall, \$12,500 per month senior housing will be for non-residents of the 3 beach cities. Over 90% will be for non-residents of Redondo Beach, the city bearing 100% of the burden of BCHDs damages. BCHDs abhorrent action must not be allowed. It is outside the character of the neighborhoods, damaging to property values, and serving non-residents using publicly owned and zoned land.

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