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Subject: Item 9 - Affordable Housing Agreement Public Comment Letter
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Good morning,

On behalf of the Kennedy Commission, I am submitting a public comment letter for Agenda Item #9 under the Consent Calendar section regarding Monday's City Council meeting.

Thank you,
Joshua Levering
Housing Policy Intern

November 3, 2025

Mayor Rose Espinoza
La Habra City Council
La Habra City Hall
110 E La Habra Blvd
La Habra, CA 90631

RE: Consent Calendar Item 9 – Affordable Housing Agreement with Citrus Townhomes for Four Moderate-Income Units at 300 S. Walnut Street

Honorable Mayor Espinoza and Members of the City Council,

The Kennedy Commission (the Commission) is a broad-based coalition of residents and community organizations advocating for the production of homes affordable for families earning less than \$30,000 annually in Orange County. Since 2001, we have successfully partnered with jurisdictions across the county to create housing and land-use policies that increase affordable housing opportunities for lower-income working families.

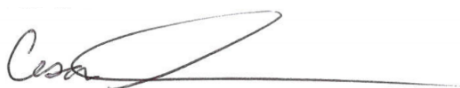
We are writing in support of the four deed-restricted Moderate-Income units proposed in this development under the City of La Habra's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. The City's ongoing implementation of its inclusionary housing policy demonstrates a commitment to creating mixed-income communities and providing opportunities for households who might otherwise be priced out of homeownership.

Approving these four deed-restricted townhomes affordable to moderate-income households represents a positive step in ensuring that new residential development contributes to La Habra's broader housing affordability goals, of which the city must provide 130 units for moderate income earners. Developing these homes near parks and family-oriented museums present a wonderful opportunity to grow the community inclusive to mixed-income groups, keeping La Habra a nice place for families to live. Going forward, the city must also prioritize developments which include deed-restricted affordable housing for low and very-low income households. Implementing affordable housing commitments using the inclusionary housing ordinance will help to make sure that the city reaches its goal of 116 units for low-income households and 192 units for very-low income residents.

As housing costs continue to rise across the region, many working families face increasing rent burdens and limited access to affordable for-sale or rental options. Strengthening the City's inclusionary housing requirements for lower-income households will help address this growing need and ensure that La Habra continues to serve residents across all income levels.

We look forward to working with the City of La Habra as it works to expand housing production and preserve existing affordability. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (949) 250-0909 or cesarc@kennedycommission.org.

Sincerely,



Cesar Covarrubias
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