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#### Staff Member(s)

Robin Estanislau, Gloria Harper, Patty Esparza

#### Notes

February 7th Strategic Planning Session Dear City Council Members, I have owned my home in our Downtown neighborhood for the last twelve years. Over this time, I have felt as if our City Government too often does not give our residential quality of life enough priority. In my view, residential quality of life should be Huntington Beach's first and foremost goal, as our City is largely a bedroom community, with 70% of our developed land used for residences. On many occasions, I fear that our City Government has put the interests of our business community ahead of those of our residents. This overly pro-business approach, in my opinion, hurts our home values, and thereby reduces our City's revenues from real estate taxes. Huntington Beach has the lowest home values of any Coastal Orange County City. As well, we have similar amenities as Newport Beach right next door, but our home values are about one-half of those in Newport Beach. It has seemed to me that the City Government's overly pro-business stances are regularly justified on the basis of producing more tax revenues. In contrast, I am convinced that if the City simply made our residential quality of life as our leading strategic goal, all the City's revenue concerns would be solved from the higher property taxes generated from higher residential values. Thank you for considering my views for Huntington Beach's long term prosperity. Richardson Gray 415 Townsquare Lane #208 Huntington Beach, CA 92648 714-348-1928 (cell) richardson.gray@yahoo.com

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