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**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 1:45 PM  
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**Cc:** Fikes, Cathy; CITY COUNCIL  
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Please read attached letter prior to City Council meeting on September 3, 2019.

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 9/3/19

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## UNITE TOGETHER | FIND SOLUTIONS | MAKE AN IMPACT

Mayor Eric Peterson and City Council  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

August 29, 2019

Dear Honorable Mayor Peterson and City Council,

As we discussed and wrote to you this past July, we strongly urge the council to approve a "housing element" in the General Plan that will bring the city into compliance with the California Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements by identifying affordable housing units in new development. This is a critical area of need to address the housing emergency crisis.

Once our housing element is recertified, the city will be eligible to receive \$540,000 annually to operate the Navigation Centers it is required to provide. HB will do what it stated in our last General Plan approved in 2013 to satisfy our assigned RHNA numbers. We have constructed 2100 affordable housing units and will create 400 more units so that we reach the required number of 2500.

Recertifying the housing element would greatly reduce city legal fees defending ourselves for years against the Kennedy Commission and State of California lawsuits as well as a potential lawsuit if we do not follow Judge Carter's mandate to build additional shelters. Our understanding is that it would take, about 6 months to get recertified rather than years of litigious and costly battles with the state and a federal judge.

Providing more affordable housing helps us all. Here are some negative impacts of not having a certified housing element:

- a. Businesses, especially the tourist industry, are losing business with unsightly homeless encampments.
- b. Police are unable to enforce anti-camping laws.
- c. Businesses are unable to attract employees and if they do many employees face very long daily commutes which is non-productive.
- d. Our younger family members are not able to afford living on their own in Huntington Beach.
- e. Our city's wallet continues to be negatively affected by the chronic homeless use of city services (police, public works, health care, loss of revenue) Permanent Support Housing (PSH) is cheaper than doing nothing for the chronic homeless.

Building 400 more affordable units does not require high density housing. It will mean re-zoning and spreading the units out throughout the city. Joint projects with other cities are more likely to occur once we satisfy our housing element.

In conclusion, a business-friendly town means a housing friendly town where police can enforce the law. Wouldn't you like your own employees, employer, or family members to live close by? If you had a homeless relative or friend, wouldn't you prefer they be housed in a shelter rather than living on the streets? Wouldn't you prefer to follow the law?

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Sincerely;

Jenny Braithwaite, Member of HUHB

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