### Please protect the RHNA process

1 message

From: Isaac Gendler <isaacgendler@everyactionadvocacy.com>

To: cityclerk@lacity.org

At: Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 6:44 AM

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To: cityclerk@lacity.org

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To: cityclerk@lacity.org

At: Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 1:00 AM

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From: Carie Povar <cariebottomline@everyactionadvocacy.com>

To: cityclerk@lacity.org

At: Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 9:52 PM

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To: cityclerk@lacity.org

At: Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 8:58 PM

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To: cityclerk@lacity.org

At: Tue, Aug 25, 2020 at 4:19 PM

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