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Here you go, Tracy!!!

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From: Randy Garcia <randynorthridge@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 27, 2020 at 4:02 PM
Subject: Revised letter
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To the Members of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission,

Hi, my name is Randy Garcia I am the owner of the McDonald's restaurant located at 2457 Lincoln Blvd in Venice, CA. Our restaurant is next door to the current Safe Place for Youth (SPY) building. I am writing you to let you know that we oppose the building proposed by Venice Community Housing. Since SPY has opened its doors, we have experienced constant trouble from the clients who go to SPY for services. They loiter in our parking lot and inside of our restaurant, harass our patrons, panhandle in our drive through line, have spit on our managers, and have in the past threaten our customers and our employees. This has had a significantly negative impact on our business, as people are afraid to bring their children into the restaurant, and we've also heard complaints that people are hesitant to come to our location due to the transients that congregate in and around our business. In 2019 I was down 10% in transactions for the year.

I am writing to you this late in the process because I had been reluctant to come forward because I was worried about retaliation for speaking out on this issue. This proposed building will just increase the problems we have experienced from the visitors from SPY. Our business cannot afford any more negative impact, and while we support the efforts to house the homeless, we must protect our employees and customers, who also deserve a safe place to visit for a meal. I am a family owned and operated franchisee.

Sincerely,

Randy Garcia (owner operator)