



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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VIA INTERNET TRANSMISSION AND U.S. MAIL

California Department of Housing and Community Development
Gabriel Contreras, Codes & Standards Administrator
3737 Main Street, Suite 400
Riverside, California 92501

RE: Friendly Village Mobile Home Park- Request for Investigation

Dear Mr. Contreras:

Please consider this letter a formal request for your agency to conduct a thorough site visit and investigation of the conditions at the Friendly Village Mobile Home Park, located at 5450 N. Paramount Blvd., Long Beach, California.

In my current capacity as the Director of Development Services for the City of Long Beach, I have become aware of a number of health and safety complaints made by residents of this mobile home park. These complaints include, but are not limited to, precariously mounted electric and gas meters, including exposed lines, and deplorable conditions of the common areas. I have been advised that the park's current management is allegedly charging residents in excess of \$1,000 for a monthly electric bill, and evicting residents if payments are not made by the fifth of the month. I'm further informed that the park management's emergency contact number is out of service; and that the number for security services is actually a wrong number. Consequently, the residents are having great difficulty contacting anyone from management for assistance.

Residents of the mobile home park have addressed their concerns to both their elected City Councilmember, Al Austin, and to the City of Long Beach. However, as you are likely aware, the State, and not the City, has jurisdiction over the park and its conditions. Consequently, I am requesting that you initiate an investigation concerning these health and safety and operational matters. Please contact me at 562-570-6428 if you have any questions, and to provide me with an update on when a site investigation will be scheduled. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Bodek, AICP
Director of Development Services
City of Long Beach

CC: Patrick H. West, City Manager
Monte H. Machit, Assistant City Attorney