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Dear Councilmembers,

I write to you today to express my firm support for the proposed development on Normandie Avenue between 168th and 170th Streets. I am a homeowner in the 1600 at Artesia development, and frankly, have always wanted more neighbors. These additional housing units can help justify running more frequent transit and support even more businesses and density in the area, helping to turn the sad, auto-oriented blocks surrounding Artesia Blvd into a vibrant, walkable, dense community.

300 units of new housing is an invaluable addition to our community and state at a time when more than ever we must address the crippling regional housing crisis and develop more sustainable ways of living in the face of climate change.

Replacing the current use (and eyesore) of a dilapidated warehouse is a public service unto itself, and, coupled with the improvements to pedestrian walkability and bicycle access, adds tremendous value to the city. I hope it is only the first step in a citywide process of densification and homebuilding.

If I had my druthers this project would be far larger and even denser, but absent the overdue rewrite of Gardena's zoning code, this will do for the time being. I urge the council to take advantage of this opportunity and to approve the planned development unconditionally and without delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Graham W. Jenkins 1568 W Artesia Sq Unit C Gardena, CA