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Mayank Keshavia

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Los Angeles resident
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Sheila
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Thank you from a concerned citizen,

Kevin King
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Sarah Bell

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Subject: Public Comment BOPC 1/10/2022

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you all as an active voter, passionate constituent, and concerned citizen. I urge you to take my email seriously - while the below was not written by me directly, it accurately reflects my feelings - as well as the mandate that turned out voters (in droves) in the most recent election. This is what we voted for - please deliver.

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Louise Abnee Keshaviah
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Please change your way of operating. Listen to us. It’s exhausting to have to ask for the same things again and again and receive silence, denial, and lies in return.

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Cowardly Crooked Commissioners,

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