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I am a 74-year homeowner living in Long Beach. My daughter and son-in-law and their three children are squeezed by ever-increasing rental costs in Long Beach. We are in the process of trying to pool our resources and relocate to a house in Long Beach with a granny flat.

This is proving difficult. We love Long Beach and want to stay, but the cost to stay may be prohibitive.

Please urge Long Beach to ease the restrictions on converting garages to ADUs. Many single-family homes have detached garages that could provide additional housing for senior citizens, renters, students, and others.

In the face of climate change as well as the sparsity of land for new development, we need to think of innovative ways to use what we already have. That could mean multi-generations living together and all of us coming together more communally.

Hoping to Stay in Long Beach,
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