



# Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

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RE: Two Additional Access Waterfront Improvement Projects

Dear Director Seroka,

At the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board and Stakeholder Meeting on January 9, 2017, our board adopted a resolution to include two projects for consideration that could help with developing an integrated waterfront from the Vincent Thomas Bridge and Gateway Fountain to the 22nd Street areas and compliment the future of the San Pedro Marketplace and the Alta Sea developments. The wording of the motion follows:

*"Whereas the Harbor Department has committed \$55.9 million in funding to public access to waterfront projects along the San Pedro waterfront in fiscal years 2015/2016 and another \$44.1 million for fiscal years 2020/2021 through fiscal years 2025/2026 totaling \$100 million;*

*Whereas the Harbor Department plans currently include funding three projects between fiscal years 2015/2016 and 2020/2021 to construct a town square at 6th Street and promenade from the Maritime Museum through the San Pedro Marketplace, and create a new connection between Harbor Boulevard and Samson Way at 7th Street;*

*Whereas the State Lands Commission permits the development on Tidelands property only those projects that benefit the entire state of California;*

*Whereas the first phase of the San Pedro Marketplace will be completed in 2020; and*

*Whereas private funds are being raised and plans are being developed for the Alta Sea Research facilities in a similar time frame.*

*Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is recommending consideration of two projects along the San Pedro waterfront to coincide with development schedules of the San Pedro Marketplace and the Alta Sea projects:*

*- One project would be the addition of a Veterans' Memorial Park in the area between Harbor Boulevard and the Battleship Iowa. This park would complement the existing monuments along Harbor Boulevard and the Battleship Iowa and could include a veterans' monument and athletic facilities. These facilities may include tennis courts, basketball courts, handball courts and/or volleyball courts that would be available for public use in the park area.*

- A second project would involve re-landscaping of the park at 22nd Street to include drought-resistant and other plantings, pathway improvements and possibly a children's playground and picnic areas.

To evaluate these potential projects the Harbor Department could allot some seed monies for feasibility, engineering evaluations and developing cost estimates from unallocated Capital Improvement Funds to be repaid from the \$44.1 million in future funding for public access waterfront projects. Should the projects be deemed and accepted by the community, then the Harbor Department could program the projects in the future Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years 2017/2018 through 2020/2021.

We believe consideration of these two projects could help with developing an integrated waterfront from the Vincent Thomas Bridge and Gateway Fountain to the 22nd Street areas and compliment the future of the San Pedro Marketplace and the Alta Sea developments.”

The Board of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood requests a response from the Port of Los Angeles regarding whether the recommended resolution would be evaluated as part of the Ports FY 2016/2017 CIP planning cycle and, if so, that our NWSPNC Port Committee be kept informed of the evaluation proceedings by LA Port engineering staff.

Sincerely,



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