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Gene Seroka, Executive Director  
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Re: Beautification Projects

We are writing about the beautification projects on North Gaffey, Pacific, Front, and Harbor Boulevard. These are China Shipping community aesthetic mitigation projects that began in 2002 and included the now completed North Gaffey Phase I.

We have been told that the North Gaffey Phase II Beautification Project is ready to proceed, but is delayed because the railroad rights-of-way are jointly owned with Long Beach and their permission has been withheld. We are pleased that your staff is making progress in resolving those issues and hope that those discussions will be concluded soon.

We are concerned about several other aspects of the projects, specifically the portion of North Gaffey Phase II that belongs to Chevron, the type of fencing that will be placed on the west side of the park-and-ride at Channel Street, and the removal of the railroad tracks at Pacific and Front Streets.

The Chevron property was also an issue in North Gaffey Phase I. In the end, the Port incorporated it into the overall landscaping plan in order to protect its investment in the remaining areas. We respectfully request that the Port incorporate the Chevron property into the Phase II project as was done in Phase I. Tony Gioiello on your staff was instrumental in resolving the matter in the earlier phase.

It was our understanding that a green vinyl fence would be placed on the west side of the Park and Ride lot to separate it from the adjoining businesses and that some type of landscaping would be planted along that fence. We were disappointed to learn, at our last meeting, that the fence might not be of the green vinyl type and that the landscaping along the fence has been

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eliminated from the plans. We urge you to reconsider. It is our understanding that there is an issue with Cal Trans regarding the maintenance of the landscaping. We request that the Port assume the responsibility for the landscaping and incorporate the maintenance into the overall project maintenance.

Finally, we are concerned about the two places that the railroad tracks cross the project pathway on Harbor Blvd./Front Street. In order to create a smooth path, particularly for cyclists, we request that the track and ties be removed rather than being paved over. Paving over, rather than removal, would lead to pavement failure as trucks use the street, thereby creating a safety hazard for cars and especially cyclists. It is our understanding that other portions of the track have already been removed and it will never be returned to service. Consequently we request that the Port instruct Pacific Harbor Lines to remove those tracks completely in a timely manner. We note that the rail and ties were removed in the spur track crossing Gaffey Street into the former bakery property, as part of Phase 1.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. We look forward to continuing to work together on the beautification of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Regalado", written in a cursive style.

Ray Regalado, President  
**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council**

cc: Councilman Joe Buscaino, David Roberts, Jacob Haik