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Dear Mr. Regalado,

Thank you for your letter dated June 29, 2016 regarding the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council's motion dated May 13, 2016 supporting the extensions of the Red Car Line as outlined in the 2009 Red Car Line Final Feasibility Report (RCLFFR).

We are very excited that the Los Angeles City Council and Board of Harbor Commissioners have approved a 50-year lease for the new San Pedro Public Market on the site of the current Ports O' Call Village. The lease approval represents a key step toward the first comprehensive redevelopment of the 30-acre site since its original development in the 1960s. The Port's obligations under the approved lease include the construction of four public access infrastructure projects: the Sampson Way and 7th Street Intersection Improvements; the Town Square at 6th Street project; the Ports O' Call Promenade project; and, the public access dock project for recreational boater use.

As part of our commitment, the Port of Los Angeles (Port) suspended the Red Car operations last year for the Sampson Way and 7th Street Intersection Improvement project. Construction is scheduled this Fall 2016 with a construction duration of about 18 months.

The existing Red Car tracks bisected the Sampson Way construction area and ongoing Red Car operations would have significantly reduced both vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow improvements that the road project will create at the main gateway to the new San Pedro Public Market. A future red car rail line, however, could be installed within a traffic lane of the Sampson Way roadway and intersection making the rail car flow with traffic much like the street cars in San Francisco. The roadway project does allow for a future right of way for use as a light rail line that would run parallel to the new road on the east side.

Even though the Red Car Line has been suspended, the Port is actively reviewing alternative transportation options. A couple of these options include enhancement of the PBID trolley service and a Metro Bike Share program. Both options ensure mobility choices for visitors to the San Pedro and Wilmington waterfronts and into the San Pedro downtown area will continue or expand without interruption. Utilization of a rubber tire trolley in the interim will be a flexible and cost effective alternative that can measure actual demand before significant investment is made in a permanent and expensive fixed rail system.

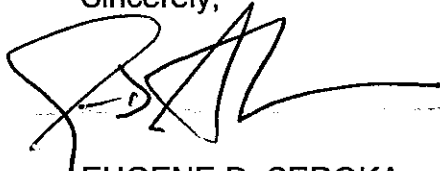
While the Red Car is part of the San Pedro Waterfront plan and the approved 2009 San Pedro Waterfront Project EIR/EIS includes an expanded service to the outer harbor and Cabrillo Beach, funding of future Red Car improvements are subject to public input and final Board of Harbor Commissioners approval.

Design, necessity, usage and cost of investment (versus other waterfront projects) will be among the factors that will go into future port and community considerations relative to a waterfront fixed rail system. Replacement of the existing route with a street level fixed rail system would cost approximately \$40 million and complete build out of the entire project that was contemplated by the 2009 San Pedro Waterfront EIR would cost in excess of \$225 million.

The great news is that the new San Pedro Public Market has proposed a Red Car line through the new development. The Port is working with the developer to coordinate any future connections and extensions for a light-rail system, trolley and/or public transit.

Thank you for your continued recommendations, support and in-sight for the successful development of the LA Waterfront as a destination of choice.

Sincerely,



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