September 17, 2012

Joe Buscaino, Councilman
Los Angeles City Council, Harbor District Office
638 S. Beacon Street, Suite 552
Los Angeles, CA 90731

RE: REQUEST RESTORATION OF COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR POSITION

Dear Councilman Joe Buscaino,

At the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council meeting on September 10, 2012, the Council unanimously passed the following motion with regard to requesting restoration of the community prosecutor position for which we would like your support:

Whereas, the Neighborhood Prosecutor position has been useful to the neighborhoods of Los Angeles by committing assigned prosecutors from the City Attorney’s office to specific groups of neighborhoods in each council district, and

Whereas, budget constraints have caused this Neighborhood Prosecutor positions to be withdrawn, and

Whereas, the removal of the Neighborhood Prosecutor position has detached a vital link in the chain of law enforcement and community engagement with its government, leading to increased citizen cynicism and less direct access to justice for neighborhoods, now

Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that a Neighborhood Prosecutor be reappointed for this Council District no later than Monday, September 30, 2012.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue.

Diana Nave, President
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Cc: Kevin Bingham, Alison Becker