



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

May 10, 2011

Councilwoman Janice Hahn
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Dear Councilwoman Hahn,

At the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council May 9 Board Meeting we passed the attached resolutions that we would like to bring to your attention.

There are two resolutions that we have sent to the port related to the waterfront. One resolution relates to the design of Harbor Boulevard and the other reiterates our strong desire to have green space on the top of the parking structures.

There are two resolutions related to the funding of Neighborhood Councils for which we would like your immediate support.

Finally, there is a resolution related to limiting parking on Westmont Drive which we will also be sending to Crystal Killian in DOT.

In addition we continue to be concerned about the removal of the Hazmat team from San Pedro. In discussion with the Port Hazmat Team, we were told that the Port would only cordon off the area and would then need to await the arrival of the Fire Department's Hazmat Team which could take up to an hour, or longer in a real emergency, if they need to come from downtown Los Angeles

As always we thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Diana Nave, President

cc: Elise Swanson

RESOLUTION REGARDING COMMENTS ON THE CITY DOCK 1 NOP

Whereas, the Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the City Dock 1 Marine Research Center Project in advance of preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). As part of the NOP process the LAHD is accepting input on the scope of the project to be evaluated as part of the EIR.

Whereas the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the preparation of a complete EIR that describes the City Dock 1 project and associated project alternatives and mitigation measures we offer the LAHD the follow comments.

Within the public services section or where appropriate, the EIR should discuss incorporation of linkages to local education programs. The City Dock 1 project should be viewed as an opportunity to engage youth and our community in marine science and the scientific method. The NWSPNC Board would like to see the City Dock 1 project and SCMI relocation evaluate linkages to the existing education programs in the area such as the San Pedro High School Marine Magnet or small Environmental Learning Community at Banning High School. In addition, we believe the youth programs at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium should be evaluated for linkages to City Dock 1 and SCMI.

As part of the overall design of the City Dock 1 project we would like the LAHD to evaluate linkages to the community so that the project does not become an enclave. An option to provide connectivity between downtown and the proposed project site could be accomplished via the Red Car, or other public transportation. We also recommend that the LAHD include waterfront walkway enhancements in the City Dock 1 project that are similar or the same as have those approved as part of the LA Waterfront Plan.

Our final comment relates to the former Westways facility and current status of the site. As part of the DEIR we ask the LAHD to evaluate removal of the existing above ground storage tanks and infrastructure as part of any project alternative. As part of this evaluation the future use of the Westways site should be evaluated as part of the City Dock 1 project and as part of the Los Angeles Waterfront plan should the City Dock 1 project not occur. The final EIR should study sufficient alternatives so that should the City Dock 1 project not occur future development at the Westways site can proceed as part of the approved LA Waterfront Plan.

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