



# THE CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

December 22, 2006

The Honorable Janice Hahn  
Council Member, 15<sup>th</sup> District  
Harbor District Office  
638 South Beacon Street, Room 552  
San Pedro, CA 90731

**Subject: Knoll Hill and open space planning**

Dear Council Member Hahn:

On October 10, 2006, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council passed a resolution expressing our great interest in Knoll Hill as a historic community asset (a copy is enclosed). Knoll Hill is important to us because it is a prominent viewpoint currently accessible to the public with views of the Vincent Thomas Bridge, the Port, the waterfront, and our community. Such spaces are rare and special, and should be cherished and preserved. We respectfully ask your cooperation in working with the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to determine which uses should be made of this important piece of land.

We understand that most of Knoll Hill is under the ownership of the Port of Los Angeles, although not as original tidelands property. It is within our Neighborhood Council district and our Community Plan area. We are excited about the City's current update of our Community Plan, and it's potential for addressing many land use issues of public concern. As residents we are extremely familiar with the needs of our community and feel that our input is essential in determining which are the highest and best uses for existing and potential open and recreational space in our district.

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Over the next 6 months we are going to perform a comprehensive inventory of the community resources affecting the quality of life for our district residents. This relatively dense urban environment is underserved with respect to recreational facilities and parklands, and the need for these assets will only increase as population density increases. These resources are integral to the health of our community, and we see their protection and enhancement as being one of the major goals of our neighborhood council as it was originally envisioned.

With the help of the City Planning Department and other local organizations, we intend to produce a strategy and recommendations to optimize benefits to the residents of our community. We ask that you postpone any decisions regarding Knoll Hill until we finish this process, which we will pursue with due diligence. We look forward to working with you and your staff to produce results which will help make San Pedro a better place for all of us.

Sincerely,



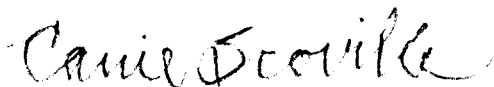
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