



April 24, 2015

Mayor Eric Garcetti
200 North Spring Street
Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

My name is Richard Scandaliato. I am President of the South Shores Homeowners Association (SSHOA) in San Pedro. Our association represents close to 1,350 homes with over 3,000 residents, most of who **vote** regularly.

The purpose of this letter is make you aware of our members' growing frustration over the political neglect in developing the Port of Los Angeles waterfront. We are pleading for your support in overcoming this disgraceful stalemate affecting not just our community, but the entire City of Los Angeles.

Back in 1988, when Mayor Bradley visited San Pedro's Cabrillo Marina Hotel, he said "...you have one beautiful community here in San Pedro. It is a diamond waiting to be polished..."

Yet today, the Port of Los Angeles, the busiest in our nation, has a waterfront that has deteriorated to the point where property values actually diminish and crime increases the closer one gets to the water. This runs counter to all the great ports in our country such as Baltimore, Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego and Long Beach which all boast world-class waterfront destinations. These waterfronts benefit tourists and locals alike, while providing substantial revenue to city coffers.

Clearly, Mr. Mayor, there is something seriously wrong with this picture.

Today, nearby businesses actually suggest that visitors avoid San Pedro.

- Cruise ship personnel in San Pedro redirect their passengers out of San Pedro to Long Beach for their shopping, dining and entertainment.
- Terranea Resort advises its guests to avoid San Pedro, recommending instead Redondo Beach, Long Beach, Los Angeles and even Santa Monica Pier.
- Advertisements everywhere promote adjacent cities to the exclusion of San Pedro.

A glance back at recent years provides a meaningful perspective:

2000: Mayor Riordan supported the Bridge to Breakwater project and instructed the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) to proceed with the project. The project gained approval from all local, city and state stakeholders.

2001: Mayor James Hahn began planning and building the Grand Promenade and showed full commitment to the project.

2005: A detailed Bridge to Breakwater Master Plan was developed. Then, for the next eight years, under the administration that followed, this project languished. The stalled project actually regressed with the limiting of POLA's commitment to public access of our waterfront. **Through political neglect, further deterioration of our waterfront occurred.**

2009: POLA approved an Environmental Impact Report estimating \$220 million was needed to fund infrastructure for the Ports O' Call redevelopment. That was in 2009 dollars.

2013: Mayor Eric Garcetti was elected.

2014: POLA staff proposed funding of \$50 million over 5 years.

2015: POLA announced a revised LA Public Access Funding Plan incorporating a \$400 million total allocation over ten years. This includes