

\$200 million for Capital Projects and \$200 million for Operations and Maintenance.

2015: The City of Los Angeles seeks to fund over \$1 billion for a walking/running access to a water drain, a project with no revenue possibilities.

February 2015: Mayor Garcetti directs a high-level task force to advise him on an LA Waterfront integrated community development strategy, including the identification of fund sources for government money and strategies for attracting private investment capital. Initial findings are due the Mayor by mid-May, 2015.

Mr. Mayor, we pray this is not another delaying tactic without serious traction. Many decades have witnessed similar scenarios. In the past, committees, subcommittees, more studies and analysis paralysis ensued while the clock ticked away more years of our waterfront's decay. A repeat of this history would be a downright insult to the people of San Pedro, Harbor City, Wilmington, nearby sister communities and the city of Los Angeles.

Thanks to the cyberworld in which we now live, our residents are connected as never before. Their awareness and collective frustration prompts them to hold elected representatives accountable. It is clear they are no longer willing to defer the consequences of political inaction.

Mr. Mayor, we urge you to:

- **Obtain the funding necessary to create the world class waterfront** befitting the size and scope of our great city. Viewed as an investment, rather than an expense, this transformed waterfront will prove to be a major source of revenue for the city.
- **Create a waterfront with a continuous promenade from "Bridge to Breakwater" and fully accessible** to the public. Waterfront access is the public's right.

- **Unify our waterfront into a “sense of place”.** Allow the promenade to connect now isolated, existing elements such as Ports O’Call, the Maritime Museum, the SS Iowa, Crafted and the Cabrillo Museum’s upcoming major expansion. Let us not diminish this concept into a piecemeal effort.
- **Redesign Ports O’Call to reflect San Pedro’s rich heritage** replacing its misguided New England fishing village theme. Relocate existing businesses so the promenade can continue along the water’s edge rather than through a detour in the parking lot.
- **Most importantly, achieve these goals within 5 years instead of 10 years.** The Master Plan is already several years behind schedule. A 5 year program would help ensure purposeful momentum that a longer plan would only jeopardize.

Mayor Garcetti, we implore you to do the right thing. The actions you take today can create an historically pivotal and transformative event. Your actions will provide a legacy for your children, your children’s children and become a memorable hallmark of your administration.

Mr. Mayor, please listen to your constituents. Find the sufficient funding, talent and political will to properly support the Bridge to Breakwater Grand Promenade project. The time is now.

With your vision, influence and support, we stand ready to help you create a success story of which all Los Angeles residents can be proud. Together, let’s polish that diamond Mayor Bradley so astutely recognized.

Please do the right thing. Future generations will remember and thank you.

Sincerely,



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