1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President James Allen. (A quorum of 12 Board Members). Approximately 90 stakeholders present.

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2. **President’s Report**:

   a. Review and approve follow up letter regarding opening the Jail which was amended. **Motion by James Allen to approve the follow up letter regarding opening the Jail, seconded by Sue Castillo, and passed with 6 yess (Anderson, Castillo, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, and Harutyunyan), 3 no (Ceaser, Galaz, and Sandoval), 1 abstention(s) (Allen), 1 no vote recorded (Caseres), and 1 not yet present (Obioma-Sakhu). (See attachment #1 to these minutes)**

   b. Motion for collaboration with PBID, Chamber and other NC’s **Motion by James Allen to approve collaboration with PBID, the Chamber and other neighborhood councils on issues that pertain to their combined territories, seconded by Sue Castillo, and passed with 6 yess (Anderson, Castillo, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, and Harutyunyan), 2 no (Ceaser and Galaz), 3 abstention(s) (Allen, Caseres and Sandoval), and 1 not yet present (Obioma-Sakhu).**

   c. Report on Port of Los Angeles Presidents meeting. **No report.**

   d. Update on Candidate applications for Vacant Board Seat. **Two applications were received after the deadline. Accordingly, these will be shared with the board and the potential candidates notified that they will be considered at the next stakeholder meeting.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Sue Castillo to approve January 12, 2016 Board and Stakeholder meeting minutes, as corrected to reflect that Item 7: Community Announcements were in fact given at 9:48 pm, seconded by Donald Galaz, and passed with 7 yes (Anderson, Castillo, Ceaser, Galaz, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, and Sandoval), 0 no, 4 abstention(s) (Allen, Caseres, Gray and Hall), and 1 not yet present (Obioma-Sakhu).

4. **Public Comment:**
   a) Bob Gelfand commented about the Warner Grand RFP for management being done without proper public input. He feels that the function of neighborhood councils is to collect public opinion and input as City Council districts are very large. Accordingly, public comment at meetings should be protected.
   b) David Dobens commented about the actions of President Allen at the recent crime forum and his desire to have President Allen removed from the Board. (Note: Officer Nua provided clarification that Mr. Allen was not escorted out of the forum. They simply moved their conversation into the lobby). (Note: Mr. Dobens submitted his comment card first but was called second. He expressed that he was unhappy about not being called first to public comment when he arrived 45 minutes prior to the meeting).
   c) Liz Johnson, Director of the Grand Vision Foundation, commented on the pending Warner Grand RFP. There are many concerns with the RFP, primarily that any new operator continues to allow community events at the venue. Accordingly, she requested that the Board adopt a motion. (Refer to item 18.a. below.)
   d) Alan Johnson of Jerico Development announced that on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 6:00 pm at the Warner Grand Theatre, they will be holding a presentation of the draft waterfront redevelopment plan.
   e) George Palazioi announced that on Saturday, February 13, 2016, Saving San Pedro is having a cleanup from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at Paseo del Mar and Meyler Street. He also commented on President Allen’s attendance at the recent crime forum.
   f) Gayle Fleury announced the Empty Bowls fund raising event on Saturday, February 13, 2016 for Harbor Interfaith, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center.
   g) Melanie Lebrecque announced that on February 19, 2016, there will be a meeting with LAPD at LAPD Harbor Division, sponsored by San Pedro Business Report Card, at 6:00 pm related to business safety.
   h) Danielle Johnson for South Bay Contemporary Gallery, announced that the nonprofit gallery has a new exhibition starting called “Dreaming the Real”. The opening is First Thursday, March 3, 2016, on the third floor of the Loft building on Mesa, between 4th and 5th Streets.

5. **Presentation: DWP Urban Water Management Plan Presentation:**
   a. A representative from DWP gave a presentation about water conservation and use.
   b. He presented statistics related to current use and reaching 40 years into the future.
   c. Due to foresight, planning, and conservation, the City of Los Angeles uses no more water today than it did 45 years ago.
   d. During the questions and answer period, the DWP representative answered some of the concerns of Board members and Stakeholders which included:
      i. The status of ground water wells in San Pedro.
      ii. Concerns about security deposits for new customers.
      iii. The safety of tap water.
      iv. The presence of lead pipes in the system. (All lead pipes have been replaced)
      v. The potential of utilizing desalination.
      vi. The City needs to do more outreach on water conservation.
      vii. Replenishment of the San Fernando Water Basin.

6. **LAUSD:** Update on the Christensen Science and Sustainability Center - Christopher Downing, Superintendent LAUSD Local District South
   a. Mr. Downing requested that the Board select two or three representatives to be part of a focus group for sustainability and solutions for the center.
   b. President Allen appointed Alexander Hall and Grant Hartwell, Frank Anderson volunteered.
   c. Monica Weston commented that the Moms Club of San Pedro has a community garden at the science center. Closing of the center has impacted local families’ ability to access fresh produce.
   d. President Allen commented that perhaps the focus group could meet at the science center.
7. **Public Safety Reports:**
   a. **LAPD Report by Senior Lead Officer Junior Nua:**
      i. Officer Nua gave an overview of crime statistics for the month of January. Crime is down in the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council area.
      ii. There were ten robberies in the Gaffey corridor.
      iii. GTA’s and auto thefts are still up. Many of the vehicles were unlocked.
      iv. He read a letter from an auto theft detective which stated that license plate thefts in San Pedro are up. Mostly from trucks and SUV’s.
      v. The captains have set aside time to conduct a crime suppression unit.
      vi. Board member Karen Ceaser commented that over the last year in the entire harbor area there has been a 200% increase in rape and in the San Pedro area there has been a 100% increase in rape.
      vii. Board member Rudy Caseres asked about credit card fraud.
      viii. Officer Nua related the actual events that occurred at the recent crime forum. He stated that the photo of himself and President Allen from the crime forum with the caption that he escorted President Allen out, is not the case. He did not escort President Allen out. He and President Allen simply took their discussion outside to the lobby.
   b. **Sergeant Alvarez of the Los Angeles Port Police**
      i. The Port Police in conjunction with the City Attorney’s office closed a marijuana dispensary in a strip center on Harbor Blvd. It was only open for about a month.
      ii. Space Ex had a mostly successful rocket landing. The Port Police have a good relationship with Space Ex and NASA and look forward to it continuing for many years to come.
      iii. With the El Nino severe weather, don’t surf alone. They conducted a rescue of an experienced surfer who got separated from his companions and lost his board.
      iv. On February 2, 2016, they arrested a suspect walking around Ports O’ Call with 20 shaved keys, for all types of vehicles, trying to break in to vehicles.

8. **Reports from Public Officials**
   a. **Congresswoman Janice Hahn’s office.** German Castilla, District Staff Assistant
      i. The Army Corp of Engineers contacted Congresswoman Hahn to tell them that $14 million in federal funding will be dedicated to repairs of breakwater.
      ii. On May 6, 2016, the annual senior briefing event will be held at the Carson Community Center.
      iii. On May 14, 2016, the annual Congressional Art Competition reception will be held at Crafted.
      iv. James Baeza, and other stakeholders, asked about veterans being feed in Plaza Park, and it being condoned by Congresswoman Hahn.

9. **Port of Los Angeles:**
   a. **Report from Augie Bezmalinovich**
      i. The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the Port Administration building, at 8:30 am. The following meeting will be Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the Port Administration building, at 6:00 pm.
      ii. The southbound SR 47 freeway will be closed from the Harbor Blvd. exit to Gaffey St. from February 19th to the 22nd. All motorists will be required to exit at Harbor Blvd.
      iii. On Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 9 am – 12 pm, at Via Cabrillo Marina & Shoshonean Road, there will be a Bike Rodeo for the entire family.
      iv. On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 6:00 pm, at the Warner Grand Theatre, there will be a presentation of the draft waterfront redevelopment plan.
      v. On Thursday, February 25, 2016, at Crafted, Councilman Joe Buscaino will speak on the Future of the LA Waterfront. This event is sponsored by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce. Contact the Chamber for ticket information.
      vi. The grand opening and ribbon cutting at Brouwerij West is Saturday, February 27, 2016.
   b. **CeSPNC Port Committee Report.** Frank Anderson – no report.
10. **CD15 Issues Report**: Grant Hartwell  
   a. **Councilman Joe Buscaino’s office.** San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson provided a written report. To view the full report please go to centralsanpedro.org or use the following link: http://sanpedrocity.org/council-district-15-reports-to-central-spnc. Some of the highlights are as follows:  
      i. The Lilyan Fierman walkway project has gone out for bid, and they hope to have it complete by the end of May, 2016.  
      ii. Legislative update, the City Council considered a communication from the CAO and CLA regarding key issues of the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.  
      iii. Last week Ryan, the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the Grand Vision Foundation met to discuss the Warner Grand RFP. Councilman Buscaino does not want community events to be excluded by a future operator of the venue. He supports this being a provision of the RFP.  
      iv. Councilman Joe Buscaino, would like to hear from the community regarding the Warner Grand RFP prior to his February 25, 2016, Future of the LA Waterfront speech.  
      v. Board members and Stakeholders expressed their concerns as well regarding the Warner Grand RFP. 

11. **Homelessness Committee Report**: Karen Ceaser presented the following Resolution from the Committee for approval by the board:  
   a. Resolution to not support unlicensed public feedings  
      
      **Draft of Resolution:**  
      
      Be it resolved that Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council moves to **not** support any unlicensed, non-permitted public feedings of individuals **experiencing homelessness or low income status**. The Council wishes to remind local residents to donate food items and clothing to our local licensed non-profits and faith-based organizations. The Council would like Los Angeles Recreation & Parks and Los Angeles Police Department staff to enforce all Los Angeles Municipal Codes on persons they witness or receive citizen complaint calls who are carrying out said feedings. Enforcement of these municipal codes herein protects the public’s health and safety.  
      
      Be it further resolved that Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges our elected officials to provide funding to low income, homeless people with greater access to publicly licensed facilities on a daily basis, including weekends and holidays, which would provide additional specifically designated nutritional sites.  
      
      Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu to approve the resolution to not support unlicensed public feedings with the following language removed; **experiencing homelessness or low income status**, seconded by Hrant Harutyunyan, and passed with 6 yes (Anderson, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, and Obioma-Sakhu), 3 no (Caseres, Galaz, and Sandoval), 2 abstention(s) (Allen, and Ceaser), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).  
      
      Motion by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu to approve the resolution to not support unlicensed public feedings as amended, seconded by Hrant Harutyunyan, and passed with 6 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Gray, Hall, Harutyunyan, and Obioma-Sakhu), 3 no (Galaz, Hartwell, and Sandoval), 2 abstention(s) (Allen, and Ceaser), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).  
      
      i. Board member and committee chair Karen Ceaser commented that on weekends and holidays there are no food services available to homeless people.  
   
   b. Ms. Ceaser commented that today the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved a homeless strategy (CF15-1138S1) some highlights of which are:  
      I. There are over 7,500 City owned vacant properties as well as an abundance of LAUSD, METRO, and County of Los Angeles vacant properties, which they will be considering to use for affordable housing units.  
      II. There is over $20 million in the affordable housing trust fund which they will be looking to use.
c. Also today the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors met and approved their homeless strategy. It is very complimentary to the City plan; they are working together.

d. Report on January 16, 2016 meeting with San Pedro NC President’s: Ray Regalado updated Ms. Ceaser on Councilman Buscaino’s homelessness task force. Regalado was the only San Pedro area NC President to attend the January 16, 2016 Homeless Committee meeting with San Pedro NC Presidents.

e. Report on presentation at Feb. 16th Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee meeting by Chris Jenne related to Policy Fair: No report presented.

f. Overview of “No Place Like Home” Initiative, Senator Kevin de Leon: No report presented.

g. Report on February 5, 2016 meeting with Councilman Buscaino: Ms. Ceaser met with Councilman Buscaino and his Chief of Staff. She discussed a list of 12 items with them.

h. Update on homeless count: Alexander Hall reported.
   i. Mr. Hall thanked those who volunteered for the count.
   ii. They had 40 of 80 registered volunteers come to the count.
   iii. They counted all of the census tracks for their area.
   iv. LAHSA will add the street count numbers to the shelter population numbers and other counts to come up with one number for our area.

12. Land Use Planning Committee Report: Sue Castillo/Frank Anderson:
   a. Report on February 8, 2016 Committee Meeting: Sue Castillo was not present to provide the Committee Report. President James Allen gave the update in her absence.
   b. Update on proposed Starbucks at 9th & Gaffey: This property is currently occupied by TC’s Bar and Bonello’s Pizza. The proposed project would have entrances in the alley and on 9th Street.

   Subject: Proposed Starbucks Store at Gaffey and Ninth Streets, NE corner

   Recommendation: In support of the proposed development, with comments

   Comments:

   1. The building’s west facade (Gaffey Street) needs enhancement. We recommend additional windows, decorative lighting, and colorful landscaping on this facade.

   2. This project has the potential to impact the intersection of Gaffey and Ninth Streets with left-turn movements into the parking lot from Gaffey Street. The City should incorporate requirements that could mitigate this, including prohibiting said left-turn movements. Building signage should encourage entry from the alley.

   3. The outdoor tables shown on the plan should be retained in support of street vitality.

   4. Developer to provide landscape plans for our review and comment when they become available.

   5. The loss of two old San Pedro businesses and their vintage architectural styles is regrettable – TC’s Bar and Bonello’s New York Pizza.

   Motion from committee, failed with 2 yes (Gray and Harutyunyan), 8 no (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Hall, Hartwell, Obioma-Sakhu, and Sandoval), 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

c. Report on RFP by Department of Cultural Affairs for management of the Warner Grand. Please see item 18.a. below.

d. Scott Donnelly commented on the impact that this particular change of a Starbucks at 9th and Gaffey would have on Harbor Interfaith. A drive through Starbucks at that location would impact Harbor Interfaith’s donation entrance in the back of their alley.

13. Ad Hoc Parks Committee Report: Alexander Hall reported:
   a. No one showed up to the Committee Meeting besides the Committee Chair.
   b. The results of the survey will be on the CeSPNC Facebook page soon.
   c. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 5:45 pm, at the San Pedro Public Library.

14. Budget Advocates Report: Danielle Sandoval reported:
   a. Update on Homeless Subcommittee and upcoming whitepaper: They will be working on the whitepaper at this Saturday’s meeting.
   b. Results from Budget Advocate survey: The survey has been completed. The harbor area turned in the most surveys with 450, the top neighborhood council was Coastal. They will be including the results in the whitepaper.
c. Update on meetings with Councilmembers/Chiefs of Staff: Ms. Sandoval will report on this meeting next week.

15. **2016 Selection/Election Committee Report**: Committee member Linda Alexander provided a report on the February 3, 2016 Committee Meeting.
   i. Candidate registration opens on February 27, 2016.
   ii. Kristina Smith is Independent Election Administrator (IEA).

b. Presentation of Revised Selection Budget for board approval:

   **2016 SELECTION BUDGET  Feb 3, 2016 (sc)**
   These figures represent the committee’s best estimate to date for either Plan A (2 selection dates, June 7 & June 14) or Plan B (June 4 event). These figures accommodate either option.

   1) First Outreach—Call for Candidates (printing $1860, Perry’s/Kelley’s Bulk Mail Srvc $960, Postage $2480) $5,300

   2) Second Outreach (Based on Epperhart quote Oct 2015, up to 8 pg newsletter built, printed & distributed light increase from $4,804 to $5,000 anticipated.) $ 5,000

   3) Election Event(s) Expenses (Printing $200; Refreshments $500; Proctors if plan A $250; Location fee if plan B $300; contingency $250) $ 1,500

   **LINE ITEMS 1 – 3**

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   Total $11,800

   Motion by James Allen to approve $4,300 for the selection as detailed above, seconded by Rudy Caseres, and passed with 7 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, and Obioma-Sakhu), 1 no (Ceaser), 3 abstention(s) (Allen, Galaz, and Sandovall), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

16. **Finance Committee Report**: Danielle Sandoval reported:

   a. Approval of monthly Bank Statements and monthly expenditures: Motion by Grant Hartwell to approve monthly bank Statements and monthly expenditures, seconded by Khixaan Obioma-Sakhu, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

   b. Allocate unallocated funds of $5000 to NPG. Motion by Grant Hartwell to approve allocation of unallocated funds of $5000 to NPG, seconded by Rudy Caseres, and passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

   c. Approval of NPG application from Grand Vision Foundation for $2550. Motion from committee, passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

   d. Approval of NPG application from San Pedro Art Association for $1500. Motion from committee, passed with 10 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

   e. Motion to allocate miscellaneous expenses of $1000; office equipment and supplies $400; postage $100; newsletter expense $1000 for a total of $2500, to Election Outreach expense. Motion from committee, passed with 9 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), 1 out of room (Hartwell), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

   f. Approval of board member reimbursements; Frank Anderson $13.48 and Donald Galaz $12.60. Motion from committee, passed with 9 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Galaz, Gray, Hall, Harutyunyan, Obioma-Sakhu and Sandoval), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Allen), 1 out of room (Hartwell), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

   g. Approval to pay Phillie B’s $196.10 for additional food for the January 12, 2016 stakeholder meeting. Motion from committee, passed with 6 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Ceaser, Gray, Harutyunyan, and Obioma-Sakhu), 1 no (Galaz), 4 abstention(s) (Allen, Hall, Hartwell, and Sandoval), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

   h. Motion by Katherine Gray to approve reallocating $2500 from line item CIP and $1800 from line item operations, to elections. Motion by Katherine Gray to approve reallocating $2500 from line item CIP and $1800 from line item operations, to elections, seconded by Hrant Harutyunyan, and passed with 7 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Gray, Hall, Hartwell, Harutyunyan, and Obioma-Sakhu), 2 no (Ceaser and Sandoval), 2 abstention(s) (Allen and Galaz), and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).
17. **Outreach Committee Report**: Donald Galaz reported:
   a. Update on outreach committee activities.
      i. There was a presentation by the Youth Source Center at Harbor College.
      ii. Mr. Roberson spoke about evening events at Anderson Memorial Senior Citizen Center.
      iii. They had discussion for the selection committee.
      iv. Mr. Stinson spoke about the Harbor Area Wide Student Art Competition.
      v. The Grand Vision Meet the Music program was discussed.
   b. Sharefest Event in San Pedro, Saturday, April 30, 2016, (report by Karen Ceaser): Sharefest is an annual event of people in the community helping to do volunteer events and activities to brighten up the neighborhood. She asked for people to submit possible projects to her for submission to Sharefest.

18. **Ad Hoc Art Committee Report**: Committee Chair Scott Andrews was not present to provide the Committee Report. President James Allen gave the report in his absence.
   a. Action Item on Warner Grand RFP.
      i. Fred Allen, Vice President of the Grand Vision Foundation, commented that we know that the Warner Grand RFP is going forward in some fashion. They are asking for clarity and transparency on the part of the Department of Cultural Affairs. The Warner Grand Theatre is one of three theatres built by the Warner brothers in the 30’s, and it is the only one left intact. It is listed on the National Historic Places registry. Accordingly, it is a historic building and any operator needs to know how to take care of such a property. (Board member Donald Galaz asked Fred Allen what his relationship is to Central SPNC President James Allen. Fred responded that they are brothers.
      ii. Liz Johnson, Director of the Grand Vision Foundation, read the following motion:

      We would ask that you call upon the City of Los Angeles to include a requirement for community partnership in programming in the RFP before it is issued, that the public be included in a transparent process for the evaluation and award of the selected proposer, and that it includes adequate safeguards to require community access and programming in the final contract that is entered into with the winning proposer.

      Motion by Katherine Gray to approve the motion as above for the Warner Grand RFP, seconded by Rudy Caseres, and passed with 4 yes (Anderson, Caseres, Gray, and Hartwell), 2 no (Ceaser and Hall), 4 abstention(s) (Allen, Galaz, Harutyunyan, and Sandoval), 1 no vote recorded (Obioma-Sakhu) and 1 left meeting early (Castillo).

19. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm. The remaining agenda items that were not addressed will be brought forth to another meeting. The next stakeholder meeting is March 8, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom,
for the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
March 5, 2016

Chief of Police, Charlie Beck  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Mayor Eric Garcetti  
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Councilman Joe Buscaino  
Harbor District Office  
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Re: Harbor Division Jail – (REVISED LETTER)

Gentlemen,

It has been nearly two years since our neighborhood council corresponded with all of you regarding the still closed Harbor Division Jail and we are writing you again to remind you of both the need and urgency for the opening of this facility. The continued use of the 77th street jail is not only a waste of time and resources but it is also an abridgement of our rights as citizens of the City of Los Angeles.

Back in June of 1909 the Los Angeles City Council “filed and approved” The Report of the Consolidation Committee of the City of Los Angeles, in which it states in the 7th item on page 5 of Exhibit 1 that “a police station, with a sufficient number of officers and men, be at once established in that portion of the consolidated city, now known as San Pedro, to safely guard and protect the interests of said portion of the consolidated city and that a department of the Police Court, properly officered, be established therein.”

We submit to you that having a fully functioning jail was understood at the time of the passage of this council action as related to “a department of the Police Court” and that the promise of “a sufficient number of officers” would include jailors for such a facility. The failure to fully staff Harbor Division with both officers and jailers is a breach of the original contract with both San Pedro and Wilmington made during the consolidation with us into the City of Los Angeles.

Furthermore, we submit that not only is the remote distance of the current jail at 77th Division from our community a burden on the police but it is also an abridgment of our rights to access to the legal system for both the relatives of the detainees, their legal counsels as it is for the public in general. This is a significantly bigger issue that might lead some to seek legal redress and become yet another liability for both LAPD and the City.
We heard your commitment from the Public Safety/Crime forum held on February 4, 2016 that Chief Beck promises to open the jail within the next 36 months; however, we find that goal insufficient at best. With this letter we are directing our Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates to recommend budget items in the 2016-17 budget for the hiring of sufficient personnel to fully staff the Harbor Division jail within the next year so that the sworn LAPD officers can have more time to respond to constituency calls rather than being chauffeurs for arrestees.

Sincerely,

James P. Allen, President
On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
(Letter approved by the Board on February 9, 2016)

cc: Councilman Joe Buscaino c/o Ryan Ferguson
Office of Mayor Garcetti c/o Manny Lopez