WHEREAS Mayor Garcetti, 15th District City Councilmember Joe Buscaino and 4th District County Supervisor Janice Hahn are strong proponents of public transportation and reducing the number of cars on the freeway and providing safe and reliable public transit for all Los Angeles residents;

WHEREAS the Park-and Ride lot located at Harbor Boulevard and Beacon Street is the first point of entry into San Pedro for many people and the first public bus stop in San Pedro from the 110 Freeway;

WHEREAS there are a number of efforts currently underway to revitalize San Pedro and this lot provides a vital link that will increase in importance as tourism and the density of San Pedro increase;

WHEREAS the lot is very dilapidated and there is insufficient signage;

WHEREAS the lot is currently underused, at least in part, due to people being afraid their cars will be broken into or vandalized due to the lack of security measures;

WHEREAS other park and ride facilities are safer and more attractive;

NOW THEREFORE the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Joe Buscaino and Supervisor Hahn convene a meeting with CAL TRANS, LA DOT, METRO, et al regarding the blighted condition of the park-and-ride lot located at Harbor Boulevard and Beacon St., San Pedro and consider the following:

1) The parking lot be cleared of a temporary power pole and meter that is exposed and disconnected.
2) The parking lot be cleaned of debris, graffiti and homeless encampments.
3) Better signage be placed at the park-and-ride entrance indicating where to catch the North and South bound Silver Line bus as well as an overall map of the Los Angeles Public Metro System.
4) Improved fencing be placed along the parking lot.
5) 24-hour night vision security cameras be placed in all directions on each light post.
6) Verification that all lights do in fact work.
7) Covered bus shelter be placed across the street at the stop for the northbound bus headed to Downtown Los Angeles/El Monte.
8) A sidewalk be installed along the southern most section of the lot going up the hill to prevent trash dumps in the dirt mountain currently in place and facilitate walking.
9) The hill at the back of the park and ride lot be landscaped with native plants.
10) Incorporation of solar panels and/or wind turbines to supplement the station’s power needs.
Many of these suggestions are modeled after the next nearest park-and-ride location located at Pacific Coast Highway and the 110 Freeway and, if implemented, will significantly improve the desirability, safety, and attractiveness of this park-and-ride lot and increase its utilization.