

CENTRAL SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Date: May 9, 2020

To: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

From: Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Subject: Petition for Boundary Adjustment – Terminal Island/East San Pedro

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests a boundary adjustment to encompass Terminal Island/East San Pedro community and the waters of the Port of Los Angeles including the Vincent Thomas Bridge / SR47 extending eastward to the Long Beach border, then southerly to the Breakwaters. This is described in detail in the **Attachment**, Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Proposed Boundary Adjustment – Terminal Island/East San Pedro.

The Citywide Plan for Neighborhood Councils determines boundary adjustments based on increasing or reducing a Certified Neighborhood Council's size to increase effectiveness and efficiency. The proposed adjustment would incorporate areas of the Port of Los Angeles Community Plan into the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council boundary.

Terminal Island, a shared community asset within the Port of Los Angeles Community Plan, is adjacent to and directly impacts the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Our stakeholders work there, own businesses there, and we are directly impacted by environmental activities conducted on Terminal Island.

Central San Pedro also has historical justification for encompassing Terminal Island, formerly known as East San Pedro. Below is an historical account of the Island community:

Before San Pedro was incorporated into the city of Los Angeles, Terminal Island was considered a part of the City of San Pedro, being called East San Pedro. And to this day all of the east west streets on the mainland side of the main channel are all called "West" First - 22nd streets. In the frontage to the San Pedro- A Pictorial History¹, published by the San Pedro Bay Historical Society, there is a 1892 reproduction of a lithograph drawn by Bert W. Pierce that clearly shows East First Street on Terminal Island. Then less clearly indicating portion that is now south of the Vincent Thomas Bridge labeled "East San Pedro" During the early pre- WWII era the Japanese children of the fishermen all crossed the channel on ferry boats to attend San Pedro High School and only until 1968 and the building of the Vincent Thomas bridge the main commuter route for workers to the island was via the Islander Ferry from the foot of Sixth Street in San Pedro.

¹ Silka, Henry P. (1993). San Pedro: A pictorial history updated through 1990. San Pedro Bay Historical Society

Wikipedia explains it this way:

Terminal Island is a largely artificial island located in Los Angeles County, California, between the neighborhood of San Pedro in the city of Los Angeles, and the city of Long Beach. Terminal Island is roughly split between the Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach. Land use on the island is entirely industrial and port-related, as well as houses the Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island and the US Coast Guard base.

The island was home to about 3,500 first- and second-generation Japanese Americans prior to World War II in an area known as East San Pedro or Fish Island. On February 9, 1942, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the FBI incarcerated all of the adult Issei males on Terminal Island. On February 19, 1942, immediately after the signing of Executive Order 9066, Terminal Island's remaining inhabitants were given 48 hours to evacuate their homes. They were subsequently sent to internment camps, and the entire neighborhood was razed. The Japanese community on Terminal Island was the first to be evacuated and interned en masse.

The west half of the island is part of the San Pedro area of the city of Los Angeles, while the rest is part of the city of Long Beach. The island has a land area of 11.56 km² (4.46 sq mi), or 2,854 acres (11.55 km²), and had a population of 1,467 at the 2000 census. The closest portion of San Pedro to Terminal Island is that part designated as part of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council district. It is from this part of San Pedro that the Vincent Thomas Bridge connects to the island, it this part of San Pedro that for more than 100 years was the gateway to the Island even before the main channel was dredge for larger ships the Island residents could wade at low tide across the channel to get supplies from San Pedro for their shanties and shacks. And later when both Los Angeles and Long Beach attempted Annex Terminal Island at the same time it was the San Pedro police department that got into a battle with the Long Beach Police over the territory. This was only settled in a court a year or so later by dividing the Terminal Island in half as the boundaries lay today Half in Long Beach and half in the San Pedro part of Los Angeles.²

Our deep current and historical relationship with Terminal Island moves us to request this boundary adjustment. We feel this change will enable the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to be more effective and efficient in representing stakeholders and providing input to the Port on matters concerning this shared community asset.

Attachment: Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Proposed Boundary Adjustment – Terminal Island/East San Pedro

² San Pedro, Los Angeles. (4 April, 2020). Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Pedro,_Los_Angeles

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Proposed Boundary Adjustment – Terminal Island/East San Pedro

Current boundary:

The Council is bounded on the west commencing at the intersection of 18th Street and Leland Street, then northerly along the center line of Leland Street to 7th Street, then easterly on 7th Street to Meyler Street, then northerly on Meyler Street to 1st Street, then west on 1st Street to Bandini Street, then northerly along the center line of Bandini Street to Upland Avenue, then easterly on Upland Avenue to Meyler Street, then northerly on Meyler Street to Miraflores Avenue, then easterly on Miraflores Avenue to Pacific Avenue, then northerly on Pacific Avenue to a point where it intersects with the centerline of the Southwest Channel of Los Angeles Harbor, then easterly along the center line of the Southwest Channel to a point where it intersects with the Main Channel in the Turning Basin of the Port of Los Angeles, then southerly along the center line of the Main Channel to a point where it intersects with the center line of the San Pedro Slip of the Port of Los Angeles, then northerly along the center line of the San Pedro Slip of the Port of Los Angeles to a point where it intersects with the center line of 14th Street. then westerly along the center line of 14th Street to a point 100 feet west of Pacific Avenue, then southerly along a line one hundred (100) feet west of Pacific Avenue to 18th Street, then westerly along the center line of 18th Street to Leland Street.

Proposed boundary adjustment including Terminal Island/East San Pedro community:

- A. North – The Council is bounded on the north commencing at the centerline of Meyler Street and Miraflores Avenue easterly on Miraflores Avenue to Pacific Avenue, then northerly on Pacific Avenue to a point where it intersects with the centerline of the Southwest Channel of Los Angeles Harbor, then easterly along the center line of the Southwest Channel to a point where it intersects with the Main Channel in the Turning Basin of the Port of Los Angeles, **northerly to the SR47/Vincent Thomas Bridge, then easterly encompassing the SR/47 and Ocean Boulevard through Terminal Island to the border of the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach.**
- B. **East – The Council is bounded on the east commencing at point where the SR/47 Ocean Boulevard meets the border of the Port of Long Beach on Terminal Island, then southerly along the border to the point where the Port of Los Angeles/Port of Long Beach border meets the Middle Breakwater.**
- C. **South – The Council is bounded on the south commencing at the point where Port of Los Angeles/Port of Long Beach border meets the Middle Breakwater, easterly along the Breakwater to the point where the centerline of the Main Channel meets the San Pedro Breakwater, then northerly extending through the centerline of the Main Channel to the point where it meets the centerline of the Southern Pacific (S.P.) Slip, then westerly to a point where it intersects with the center line of 14th Street, westerly along the center line of 14th Street to a point 100 feet west of Pacific Avenue, then southerly along a line one hundred (100) feet west of Pacific Avenue to 18th Street, then westerly along the center line of 18th Street to Leland Street.**
- D. West – The Council is bounded on the west commencing at the centerline of 18th Street and Leland Street northerly along the center line of Leland Street to 7th Street, then easterly on 7th Street to Meyler Street, then northerly on Meyler Street to 1st Street, then west on 1st Street to Bandini Street, then northerly along the center line of Bandini Street to Upland Avenue, then easterly on Upland Avenue to Meyler Street, then northerly on Meyler Street to Miraflores Avenue.

Current CeSPNC Map



Terminal Island/East San Pedro community addition



CeSPNC current Main Channel boundary



Terminal Island/East San Pedro community boundary

