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**Steven Bradford, Senator
Senate District 35**

San Pedro District Office
302 W. 5th Street, Suite 203
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Senator Bradford,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposed POLA/HACLA development of a children's play area, and an expanded pedestrian plaza between 2nd and 3rd Streets along the Harbor Blvd. walkway and the rail right-of-way.

The proposed removal of the railroad tracks in the right-of-way will severely and negatively impact the future development of much needed modes of transportation along the Harbor Blvd transit corridor such as the Metro Line and the Red Car. Further, destruction of potential rail routes would seriously impede the connectivity of downtown San Pedro with its waterfront. Connectivity of downtown San Pedro to current and future developments at "West Harbor" was identified as an important factor in any project funded by the Port's Public Access Investment Plan (PAIP).

The installation of the proposed children's play area near a very busy street fails to address serious concerns about child safety, and direct exposure to pollutants emanating from trucks and cars on the adjacent street.

Thirdly, the lack of adequate public input into the proposed project betrays a lack of transparency that always should be a cornerstone for any proposed use or change of public property.

Finally, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the proposed \$2 million expenditure for the project be expended to fund other projects that involve public input from inception, and which would promote San Pedro downtown development connectivity with the newly redeveloped waterfront.

Sincerely,

Carrie Scoville
President

cc: Frank Anderson