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Board of Harbor Commissioners
Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Re: Request for Clarification of the BOHC Policy Regarding Public Comment
at Commission Meetings

Dear Harbor Commissioners,

As Governor Gavin Newsom just signed into law Assembly Bill No. 361 that takes effect immediately, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council would like to have a clarification of the BOHC policy on the specific section regarding public comments at commission meetings. The following language from the law reads:

- CHAPTER 165 54953.E) The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. This subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment.
- The public comment policy adopted by other departments of the city of Los Angeles allows for speakers to appear virtually via Zoom in real time and to present documents with shared screen access. This currently is not the policy of the Harbor Department at commission meetings and appears to be in conflict with the intent of the AB Law 361. Can you clarify your policy at the very next commission meeting to address this conflict.

It appears that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners' public comment policy is in violation of the Brown Act as amended by Assembly Bill 361. We urge immediate compliance with the law. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis P. Caravella".

Louis P. Caravella
President
On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

James P. Allen
Port Committee Chair