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CIS Regarding Walker's Café, San Pedro

On July 14th, Prospect Group, the new owners of Walker's Cafe at 700 W. Paseo del Mar in San Pedro, were issued a stop work order after Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) inspector Andrew Beeli found them doing unpermitted work on the premises. Despite failing to obtain the required permits from LADBS or the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) for the work being done, and despite having been issued a stop work order, they have continued to do construction onsite.

The San Pedro Neighborhood Councils are extremely concerned about the condition of Walker's Cafe, a pending Historic Cultural Monument and a resource of great significance to the community. We are looking to the Department of Building and Safety to exercise the tremendous leverage they have to protect this resource. We ask the council office to review the situation onsite with the building inspector assigned to the case, Andrew Beeli, along with the inspector's supervisor, as well as Councilmember Buscaino's Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson, Lambert Giessinger from the Office of Historic Resources, and the neighborhood prosecutor, Khalil Rasheed.

Following the site visit, we ask that Ryan Ferguson attend our Joint Planning and Land Use Committee meeting as well as Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council's Coastline and Parks Committee meeting to report back and tell us what enforcement actions will be taken.

Furthermore, we are extremely concerned about the fact that, following two unanimous 'yes' votes at the Cultural Heritage Commission hearings in January and March, Walker's Cafe remains stuck in limbo, awaiting a PLUM hearing date while illegal and potentially irreversible work on the property is taking place. We urge the City of Los Angeles to schedule a PLUM hearing at the next available date in August 2022. Because this is a serious issue that is unfolding quickly, we would like action taken within thirty (30) days of receipt of this CIS.

Sincerely,

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