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MAY 11, 2017

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California Coastal Commission
San Diego Coast District Office
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May 3, 2017

Coastal Permit Application
Permit Number 6-16-0258
RE: Parking Facilities on Navy Pier
960 North Harbor Drive, San Diego County

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SAN DIEGO COAST DISTRICT

To the Coastal Commissioners and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the San Diego Unified Port District's Navy Pier Project

We are strongly opposed to the Port District's application for a Coastal Permit for parking facilities on Navy Pier.

Over the years, we have followed the development of the North Embarcadero in hopes that our northern waterfront would become a world class destination, but have been extremely disappointed with the outcomes.

The loss of access and open views of the bay, by the massive Midway Museum and the Broadway Cruise Ship Terminal, and the new bulky unattractive structures, such as kiosks, bathroom, tacky eateries and market based meters, etc. are an eyesore.

On the North Embarcadero, the beautiful Waterfront Park is in our eyes, the centerpiece and focus of enjoyment by the public, with its open green space, water feature, gardens, sculptures and children's playground.

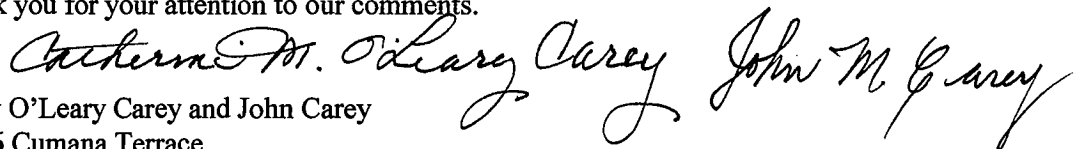
The former Port Master Plan goal for Navy Pier, a 5.7 acre Veterans Memorial Park, and off site parking to make sure the Pier surface was available, to increase public access to the bay was an excellent plan. The Midway was to be required to set aside funds to secure parking off site. Unfortunately, this mitigation did not occur.

We urge you to reject the Port District's Coastal Permit Application for Navy Pier and restore the plan for the Veteran's Memorial Park and off site parking.

We propose an underground free parking facility to be built beneath the Navy Broadway Complex that would serve the needs of the public at the North Embarcadero.

These lands are Public Trust Lands and the best use of the trust tidelands must be emphatic and acknowledge that the public must have access to enjoy our trust lands.

Thank you for your attention to our comments.


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From: Lilly, Diana@Coastal
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 12:07 PM
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Cc: Lee, Deborah@Coastal; Brown, Kanani@Coastal
Subject: RE: Port district request to allow the Midway Museum keep to vehicle parking on Navy Pier for four more years and build a large " public viewing deck"

Question from Mr. Wood for you.

From: Don Wood [<mailto:dwood8@cox.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Lee, Deborah@Coastal
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Subject: Port district request to allow the Midway Museum keep to vehicle parking on Navy Pier for four more years and build a large " public viewing deck"

Ms. Lee:

I have received a paper mailer notice of this request in the mail. Could you please email me a copy of this notice, along with the filing the port sent you with this request, and the Coastal Commission staff report regarding this item (Th20a) on the commissions May 11 meeting agenda? Earlier the Midway Museum submitted a proposal to cover the existing at grade parking lot on Navy Pier with a huge cover with what they called a park on top, in violation of their coastal development permit (CDP) which called for the removal of all car parking and the creation of a veterans park at grade on Navy Pier. I want to see if all they have done now is to call that massive parking garage structure a "viewing deck", in order to mislead the commission and your staff.

Thank you.

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