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6-22-0017 (San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation)

June 9, 2022

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From: Laura Baldrati <lbaldrati@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:01 PM

To: Lilly, Diana@Coastal <Diana.Lilly@coastal.ca.gov>

Subject: June 2022 Application No. 6-22-0017 (SD Co. Dept. of Parks and Rec. waterfront park, San Diego) Application No. 6-22-0017 (SD Co. Dept. of Parks and Rec. waterfront park, San Diego)

to Attn

District Manager (619) 767-2370

Diana.Lilly@coastal.ca.gov

Hi I do not know to whom I should address my comments about the above mentioned project, so I would appreciate it if you kindly forward this email to the right person.

the Waterfront Garden is precious to all of us living in downtown,

We all enjoy stroll under the shade of the trees and my recommendation is not to cut any of them:

so please do not approve the modification of the waterfront garden to "an active recreation facility"

that will end up empty and underutilized. Trees provide shades, clean air, home for birdies, noise buffer, temperature regulator/mitigation.

I really hope my voice is heard

Thanks for your understanding.

Best regards,

Laura Baldrati

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristine Kappel <kappelkr@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2022 11:10 AM

To: SanDiegoCoast@Coastal <SanDiegoCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Subject: Public Comment on June 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 18a - Application No. 6-22-0017
(SD Co. Dept. of Parks and Rec. waterfront park, San Diego)

Please do not get rid of the beautiful desert garden at waterfront park! This is a gorgeous addition to our community and so nice to walk around. Instead, out directional signage to nearby rec opportunities or build those at some of the other new parks near the iqhq development. Giant fences will not be attractive on our waterfront park. There already is a Childrens play area, please keep something for us older people to enjoy. I live in Little Italy and enjoy walking around the park in the evenings, it is so peaceful.

Kristine Kappel, REALTOR

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From: Ann-Marie Piskule <Ann-Marie-SD2010@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2022 11:15 AM

To: SanDiegoCoast@Coastal <SanDiegoCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Subject: Public Comment on June 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 18a - Application No. 6-22-0017 (SD Co. Dept. of Parks and Rec. waterfront park, San Diego)

I moved to downtown San Diego in 2004. I endured the endless blacktop parking lots for years until this park idea came to fruition. It was perfectly designed for all. Action on the south end and serenity on the north end. As a long-time San Diego downtown resident, it is imperative that I tell you how much peace these gardens bring to me. I walk them daily. I enjoy stopping at one of the benches to rest and read. I love watching how the seasons of year change the landscape as the different species go into bloom. All of these species are fully grown and bring delight to those of us who wander these paths. To think that you would turn this into an area of noise pollution is really disheartening. That's what the south end of Waterfront Park is about with the playground area and bocce ball court. Let us senior citizens continue to have the peace and serenity of the north end of the park.

Thank you for allowing me this platform to express my thoughts.

Ann-Marie Piskule
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San Diego, CA 92101

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June 6, 2022

Chair Donne Brownsey
California Coastal Commission
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Support for Agenda Item 18: Application No. 6-22-0017 (SD Co. Dept. of Parks and Rec. Waterfront Park, San Diego)

Dear Chair Brownsey:

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President and CEO of the Downtown San Diego Partnership (Downtown Partnership) to inform you of the organization's support of San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation Waterfront Park application to the Coastal Commission (Application No. 6-22-0017). Our mission is to promote the economic prosperity and cultural vitality of our urban core and we believe this project lives up to this mission and will add to the quality of life for those engaging in our Downtown.

Waterfront Park serves as an iconic location for so many in our community. It overlooks the San Diego Harbor and is walking distance from key business centers and residential neighborhoods. Many use the park as a backdrop for newlywed photos, large-scale music festivals or simply a part of their daily dog walk. Importantly, this park allows more San Diegans to enjoy access our waterfront and connects so many of those who live, work and play in our community.

This project is set to deliver even greater opportunity for recreation and offer new amenities not available elsewhere Downtown. As proposed, the project includes a fenced dog park, pickleball courts, a basketball court, a tee ball field, fitness equipment, and table tennis. We know just how valuable our public and outdoor spaces are to the community, especially so in a post-pandemic world.

We know that residents and visitors alike will be pleased to have additional outdoor recreation opportunities. Thank you for your support for San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation Waterfront Park application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betsy Brennan
President & CEO
Downtown San Diego Partnership



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San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Support for Agenda Item 18: Application No. 6-22-0017 (SD Co. Dept. of Parks and Rec. Waterfront Park, San Diego)

Dear Chair Brownsey:

On behalf of Outdoor Outreach, I write to you in support of San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation Waterfront Park application to the Coastal Commission (Application No. 6-22-0017). This project will provide much needed active recreation amenities to Waterfront Park, an important community and regional park. The proposed amenities will provide new active recreation opportunities at Waterfront Park, which are currently deficient in the downtown area. This would include a fenced dog park, pickleball courts, a basketball court, a tee ball field, fitness equipment, and table tennis.

Outdoor Outreach is a nonprofit organization that provides equitable access to our coastal resources through our free recreational programs, which include outdoor activities at Waterfront Park. For the past 22 years, our programs have fostered resiliency, leadership, and career skills for over 17,000 youth who do not have access to these opportunities where they live. For many of our participants, their connection to the outdoors has not only improved their awareness and connection to the environment but has become their tool to overcome significant adversity in their lives.

Accessing our regional parks and outdoor areas has become such an important aspect of everyday life throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Our surveys showed that 93% of our youth participants indicated that getting outdoors has helped them personally cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your support for San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation Waterfront Park application.

Sincerely,

Ben McCue, Executive Director



NATHAN FLETCHER

CHAIR

San Diego County Board of Supervisors

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California Coastal Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT: Support for Agenda Item 18: Application No. 6-22-0017 (SD Co. Dept. of Parks and Rec. Waterfront Park, San Diego)

Dear Chair Brownsey:

As Chair of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, I write to you in support of the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation Waterfront Park application to the Coastal Commission (Application No. 6-22-0017). This project was unanimously approved by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, and will provide much needed active recreation amenities to Waterfront Park, an important community and regional park.

The proposed amenities will provide new active recreation opportunities at Waterfront Park, which are currently deficient in the downtown area. This would include a fenced dog park, pickleball courts, a basketball court, a tee ball field, fitness equipment, and table tennis. Accessing our regional parks and outdoor areas has become such an important aspect of everyday life throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that residents and tourists alike will be happy to have additional outdoor recreation opportunities.

Thank you for your support for the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation Waterfront Park application. Should you have any questions, please contact me at Nathan.Fletcher@sdcounty.ca.gov or my Director of Policy, Emily Wier at Emily.Wier@sdcounty.ca.gov or (619) 531-4939.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Fletcher".

Chair Nathan Fletcher
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of San Diego