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Ventura County Board of Supervisors
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Dear County Supervisors and interested parties,

We ask that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors approve the Lease Option Agreement for Karls' themed village development at Fisherman's Wharf as recommended by the Harbor Director.

Since the September 19th, 2022 Workshop put on by Ventura County Harbor Administration, Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association (VCCFA) and Karls' Group have worked closely to preserve the presence of Commercial Fishermen at Fishermen's Village. Karls' has met in person, through community engagement workshops and direct communication with VCCFA to ensure Commercial Fishing Activity not be impeded at this location. This effort is recognized by VCCFA as a genuine interest to keep fishermen at fisherman's wharf.

Karls' Group has shown a willingness to keep the Commercial Fishing Infrastructure in place, in the form of the wharf. They have also shown a willingness to work together to implement additional Commercial Fishing Infrastructure (CFI) , such as an Ice Machine, secured territory to have a weekly Fishermen's Market, and additional CFI.

We, the Ventura County Commercial Fishermen's Association, representing 50 commercial fishermen from our area hereby endorse and support the project allowing Karls' Group to develop the area known as Fisherman's Village on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Channel Islands Boulevard, in the Oxnard Harbor, CA.

Furthermore, we support an effort to work with County of Ventura officials to seek Port Development Program Grants, (such as <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/PIDPgrants>) which should support the creation of a boardwalk for Commercial Fishing Activities, such as a weekly Commercial Fishermen's Market and staging areas for gear staging for Commercial Fishing. The area can be

accessed and used by patrons of the Karls' Village while Commercial Fishermen are not using the area.

We are available for comment and contribution to working together with The County of Ventura and Karls' Group to develop this area.

Overall, with consideration to the proactive approach and response by Karls' to include Commercial Fishermen in their concept, **the VCCFA does support the development of this area for the Karls' Village.**

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