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Subject: May 18th Item Channel Isl Coop Agreement - NO to Park elimination and rowing team site eliminated - Time certain 10:30

Dear County Supervisors and County CEO,

Please read my comments into the minutes:

Regarding the Fire Dept. portion of the agreement:

The City has requested that the County amend the Lease by extending its term to August 31, 2050, and by providing the City with an option to expand the leased premises westerly by 85 feet to accommodate the City's potential expansion of the Fire Station. pg 7 of 7 County CEO

I object to having a future Park site and potential for the Rowing Team site, potentially wiped out with this language as copied from the County CEO letter.

Public amenities like the "Santa Barbara Park" (the current name) and a **very plausible County Visioning plan** site for the existing Channel Islands Rowing Team base and boat housing site are critical to the public's enjoyment of the harbor. Rowing is a sport that educates our youth about teamwork and is a direct funnel to college admissions. Rowing is an Olympic Sport and this team could put our harbor on the map for global visitors and sports enthusiasts. Visitors currently use the dirt along this site as a place for fishing and dog walking. The Visioning plan utilized this site for an access stairway from the Harbor Bridge down to the park site. These two identified public serving amenities require access to the waterfront (as they should). The Visioning plan had support from the public and the park is part of the 2008 master plan I believe.

I understand that the fire department site may be confined, but WHY make the new expansion of a Fire Dept. on the harbor at all? 85 ft to the west in a harbor IS A BIG DEAL. This "industrial" fire station facility plan expansion will block public access and it may be likely to facilitate parking of "stuff or housing of equipment "- a yard and parking essentially. IF the fire department wanted to build UP and add to the facility without taking the land away from the public amenity, then that's ok.
Otherwise this is not the highest and best use of this harbor waterfront asset.

Please exclude this language of expansion from the agreement by finding another way. Agree to the lease extension, but not to expansion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Keller
Chair, Channel Islands Neighborhood Council
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