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I am the Executive Director, and speaking for the Board of Directors, of the Channel Islands Harbor Lessees Association. We are the group of individuals and companies who hold the ground leases from the County, through which we have invested tens of millions of dollars on all of the residential and commercial improvements which can be seen around the harbor.

There are certain phrases that elicit an automatic positive response from the lessees, such as “no June gloom this year.” Another one would be “City / County cooperation.” It’s been in short supply in recent years, and any sign of its re-emergence is welcome news. The Cooperation Agreement before you now is one such signal of a return to more rational and mutually beneficial dealings between the County and the City. Remember that the Lessees are in a unique position: in the entire county, we are the only businesses which are directly subject to land-use regulations from both County and City governments. This fact underscores the importance to the Lessees’ futures of a functional, cooperative relationship between the County and the City of Oxnard. This Agreement establishes principles and parameters which will serve as foundations for the ongoing relationship, and ultimately for the successful operation of the Channel Islands Harbor. For that reason, the Lessees’ Board endorses this Agreement and urges you to approve it.

Steve Kinney  
Executive Director