



March 15, 2023

Brian Pendleton
General Manager
Ventura Port District
1603 Anchors Way Drive
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RE: Public Comment for Port Agenda Item March 15, 2023

Dear Mr. Pendleton,

The agenda (Item 3) for the March 15, 2023, Ventura Port District Board of Commissioners meeting is slated to have a presentation from City of Ventura staff on their General Plan Update. This update is also inclusive of an update to the Local Coastal Program. More specifically, consideration of Land Use Alternatives with the Harbor District is anticipated to be a discussion topic.

First of all, we applaud the city for proactively tackling these long-term planning needs and for reaching out to all stakeholders. We have been a developer, business owner and business operator within the harbor district for almost 50 years now. We have seen and participated in the growth and evolution of the local area and also the harbor itself. We are looking forward to continuing to be part of that growing community.

Related to that, we encourage the Ventura Port District and the City of Ventura to consider additional Land Use Alternatives within the Harbor that would designate some or most portions of the harbor as Harbor Mixed-Use. This is a Land Use Alternative that area already exists for several parcels within the Local Coastal Program. It is a Land Use Alternative that may expand the flexibility for the Port District's future planning and development as well as better serve the community. We believe that this Land Use Alternative (Harbor Mixed-Use) will be a mutually beneficial component of this long-term planning document. Accordingly, we encourage and support consideration of this revision to the Local Coastal Program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Leslie".

Eric Leslie
Director of Marina Operations