

April 4, 2023

To: Port of San Diego Commissioners

Re: Support of the Maritime Museum of San Diego New Building project

Dear Port Commissioners:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to be present at the Port Committee meeting on April 11th to speak on behalf of the Maritime Museum's project due to a prior commitment. However, please consider this letter as ardent support for the Maritime Museum of San Diego and their new proposed building and program expansions.

The MMSD has been a landmark in San Diego for nearly a century. The Museum is not only a draw for tourists to the Embarcadero and the aesthetic cultural centerpiece of our waterfront, the institution provides educational experiences to our local schools who learn about maritime history through interaction with the historic ships and the educators who run the programs.

I believe that the new MMSD building will provide a stunning visual context for the historic ships and their surroundings on the Embarcadero, the Bay, and the magnificent County building and Park adjacent, an aspiration fitting for one of the great seaports of the world. I hope you will vote in favor of moving this project forward.

Sincerely,



Greg Cox

Former San Diego County Supervisor

Former Member of the California Coastal Commission