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October 29, 2018

California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105- 2219

Re: November 8 Hearing – Support for Agenda Item 15

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of San Diego, I am pleased to support the Port Master Plan Amendment, which if approved, would allow the San Diego Symphony to construct significant park improvements along with a permanent concert facility on Embarcadero Marina Park South (EMPS). This project would significantly enhance public access and activities on our tidelands.

As proposed, and if approved, this unique location will become a cultural destination for our communities. As a gathering place for San Diegans, the facility will be constructed to comply with all Coastal Act standards, including conditions addressing light pollution, signage, public access, visual easements, sea level rise, avian/marine species, and a host of other requirements.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Faulconer
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RE: November 8 Hearing – Support for Agenda Item 15
Port Master Plan Amendment/San Diego Symphony Bayside Performance Park

Dear Chair Bochco and Commissioners,

I write in strong support of the staff recommendation to approve the Port of San Diego Port Master Plan Amendment (PMPA) No. PMP-6-PSD-18-0001-1 as submitted, which will permit the San Diego Symphony Orchestra to move forward with the Bayside Performance Park improvements to Embarcadero Marina Park South.

The Port and Symphony have proposed creating something special for the region. The project will significantly improve an underutilized public park and upgrade the entire project area. The improvements will enable an expansion of cultural presentations along with increased public access, enhanced signage, increased and improved public facilities. The Port and Symphony have specifically addressed sea level rise, light pollution, visual access, stormwater retention/treatment, and impacts to avian and marine species.

The Bayside Performance Park will attract residents and visitors alike. The many current and proposed community outreach programs by the Symphony will add to this value and in its own way will create lasting "postcard moments" for many.

I urge the Commission to adopt the staff recommendation and approve Agenda Item 15 and the proposed improvements to the Bayside Performance Park. It is the public who will benefit daily from this exciting cultural amenity and public bayside park.

Warmly,

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TONI G. ATKINS
California Senate President pro Tempore
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Subject: November 8 Hearing – Agenda Item 15
Port Master Plan Amendment/San Diego Symphony Bayside
Performance Park

Dear Commissioners,

I write in support of the Port of San Diego's Port Master Plan Amendment (PMPA) which if approved would permit the San Diego Symphony to build and operate an outdoor concert facility on Embarcadero Marina Park South (EMPS).

EMPS sits directly behind the San Diego Convention Center, and due to its location has been historically underutilized outside of special events. The San Diego Symphony has proposed a project that will both revitalize the park and expand public access. The proposed facility would provide space for community engagement, and would offer opportunities for people of all ages to come together and enjoy the arts.

The San Diego Symphony is prepared to create a new gathering place for the region's residents and visitors, and seeks to ensure accessibility for all. Conditions proposed in the PMPA address sea level rise, impact on avian and marine species, dark sky goals, storm water treatment, recreational improvement, and many other unique coastal design requirements.

I respectfully encourage you to accept your staff's recommendation in support of Agenda Item 15. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

TODD GLORIA
Assemblymember, 78th District

Cc: Port of San Diego
San Diego Symphony



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California Commission Chair Dayna Bochco
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**Re: Item 15a – November 8, 2018
Support for San Diego Unified Port District Port Master Plan Amendment
#PMP-6-PSD-18-0001-1 (Bayside Performance Park Project)**

Honorable Chair Buchco:

On behalf of the City of National City, I am writing to support the Port of San Diego's Port Master Plan Amendment (PMPA) to provide for the Bayside Performance Park Project.

This PMPA would substantially benefit the National City community with its condition that the San Diego Symphony commit funds for the currently unfunded but planned expansion of Pepper Park on the National City Bayfront. If the requested PMPA is approved, these funds will help create new recreational areas in the Port District's Tidelands and improved waterfront access to residents and visitors in our city.

Sincerely,

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Leslie Deese
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CC: California Coastal Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

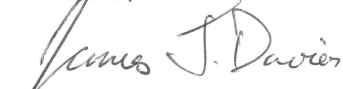
As the Labor Union for musicians in San Diego County since 1903, we represent over 500 musicians, including the 82 musicians of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. We have a strong interest in the successful approval of the Port of San Diego's Master Plan Amendment and the Symphony's Bayside Performance Park proposal.

This new venue will be a vast improvement in working conditions for the musicians and stage hands who present the concerts. It would also permit us to reach audiences that do not typically attend indoor symphonic concerts. A new permanent facility would greatly improve the audience experience compared to the outdoor festival atmosphere that now exists. We will have, with your approval, the chance to perform for these audiences in a location that may well become a landmark on San Diego Bay similar to Grant Park in Chicago or the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles.

We hope that you will join us in this mission to make music accessible. Today we can take the next step in creating something wonderful on San Diego Bay. We ask you to support a project that will enrich the lives of many by approving Agenda Item 15.

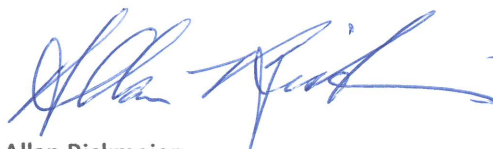
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San Diego Symphony Orchestra Association





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Port Master Plan Amendment/San Diego Symphony Bayside Performance Park

Dear Commissioners:

San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) mission is to maximize the region's economic prosperity and global competitiveness. While there are many ingredients that go into making the San Diego Region competitive, our cultural institutions play a unique and vital role in our economy, helping to attract and retain talent, intellectual capital, and businesses. The Port of San Diego is requesting a Port Master Plan Amendment (PMPA), which if approved will permit the San Diego Symphony to add another cultural asset to our Region.

Business associations often focus only on the movement of goods and services and the cost of operations. EDC long ago recognized the importance of a healthy environment and its relationship to quality of life for all San Diegans. The San Diego Symphony has proposed to develop the Bayside Performance Park on Embarcadero Marina Park South, located behind the Convention Center. Their proposal will create improvements to a park that is rarely in use now and attract residents and visitors alike to the wonderful bayside location on our San Diego Bay. EDC looks forward to including this iconic project in our efforts to share San Diego's story with the world.

We respectfully encourage you to adopt your staff recommendation and approve the Port's PMPA in Agenda Item 15.

Sincerely,

Mark Cafferty
President & CEO

Cc: Port of San Diego
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**RE: November 8 Hearing – Support for Agenda Item 15: Port Master Plan
Amendment/San Diego Symphony Bayside Performance Park**

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), I am writing to express our support for the Port Master Plan Amendment, which will allow the Symphony to move forward with the Bayside Performance Park project on Embarcadero Marina Park South. The proposal to develop a permanent, highly-innovative outdoor concert venue will benefit San Diego's tourism economy and overall economic well-being.

As the largest regional Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the Chamber is committed to advocating for policies and projects that allow our diverse economy to continue to thrive. It is critical that we continue to improve the regional assets and infrastructure that support our tourism economy as well as our world-class quality-of-life.

The San Diego Symphony Bayside Performance Park will fill the demand for a venue for medium-sized concerts and events that currently have no viable option in the region. Establishing this permanent event venue furthers our goals to support San Diego's diverse economy while creating new jobs and economic opportunity along our waterfront. By allowing the Symphony to elevate its musical presentations with an architecturally remarkable and acoustically superior stage, the Park has the potential to become an important tourist attraction as well as a public resource. The venue would both broaden access to the arts, and make San Diego a better place to live, work and run a business.

As you move forward with this process, please consider the valuable benefits of the Bayside Performance Park proposal's direct and indirect impacts on the regional economy. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sean Karafin, Vice President of Policy and Economic Research, at (619) 544-1352 or skarafin@sdchamber.org.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Sanders
President & CEO
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce