



Harbor Commission

Council Chambers

415 Diamond St.,

Redondo Beach, CA 90277


Dear Harbor Commission,

This letter is to express my gratitude to Waterfront Education and support the growth of education in this sector.

I'm born and raised in the South Bay and call it home. I've traveled extensively but I agree with the saying -- there's no place like home. I was a Birney Bobcat, Anza Eagle, Jefferson Jaguar, West High Warrior, and went on to obtain degrees in higher education. Having grown up here, (born in 82), I've seen the transformation of our community in less ways than the generations before me but enough to have an impact on the way I view and live in my community. When people have a territorial concept of being from RB, MB, TOR, HB and block themselves off to the larger South Bay and L.A. County community, it diminishes the capabilities of working together. Nature brings people together and in the South Bay, we have the ocean as a place of physical wellbeing, a food source, celebration place, memorial service location, and life zone.

Lifelong education is crucial for community values. The Sea Lab was wonderful and Waterfront Education filled that gap. The proposed Ocean Encounter program will not only reach Waterfront Education program participants but can be expand to community members, public and private primary school students, clubs, religious groups, and local college and university programs.

The South Bay is no doubt connected to the tides and we've rolled with the currents to say the least. Depending on your perception, the decline of our public and private schools and societal



values are evident. Families are seeking alternative methods of education and Waterfront Education fits the needs of many and will continue to show growth. What better way to be a community member than to be educated in our surrounding environment in a safe, fun, and hands on manner. Community is the essence of education -- learning how to function in symbiosis with various types of life and microorganisms. The hub of aquatics is in King Harbor; sailing, Outrigger Canoe Club, fishing, paddle boarding, scuba, surfing, along with iconic landmarks and bushiness.

This is it. Let's encourage this growth and make the South Bay shine by enriching our community through education, while preserving our classic hometown South Bay history and style.

Kindest regards,

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