

## REDONDO BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 14, 2022

I'm a 32 year resident of Redondo Beach, an avid pickleball player for 7 years and the lead of a Redondo Beach Resident Pickleball Players Group. I'm speaking tonight to advocate for the City Council to approve a new Capital Improvement budget motion to construct a dedicated pickleball facility, that is a Pickleball Complex, to include 6 to 8 permanent courts, court lighting, fencing and seating at the same location.

I see two identified viable locations in the Budget Responses Report: One at Aviation Park Open Field and another at the Waterfront Parking Lot adjacent to Ruby's. Either site could accommodate a Pickleball Complex.

There are hundreds of local pickleball players and supporters in the South Bay and neighboring cities as evidenced by the Petition with **773 signatures** (189 Redondo Beach residents) submitted to the City Council on June 1st requesting the City to establish dedicated pickleball courts and more specifically a Pickleball Complex. The number of local pickleball players continues to grow as does the growth of the sport.

The benefits of a Pickleball Complex with 6 to 8 permanent courts in a single location include:

- NOT displacing any other sport such as basketball or tennis.
- It provides 24 to 32 players (4 per court) playing at the same time a faster rotation. It's able to support beginners, intermediate and advanced players.
- It can accommodate open, drop-in recreational play, leagues, classes and tournaments creating a revenue stream for the City.

- A Pickleball Complex would be a draw to bring in people from not only Redondo Beach but multiple other cities as well to spend money at our gas stations, restaurants and stores. All good business for our City.

I respectfully request that City Council raise and approve a motion to budget Capital Improvement funds to construct a Pickleball Complex with 6 to 8 permanent courts at the same location to include court lighting, fencing and seating.

Thank you.

14 June 2022

The Honorable Mayor Brand and City Council Members  
City of Redondo Beach  
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**SUBJECT:** Harbor Commission feedback on 2022-27 Capital Improvement Plan and 2022-23 Budget Decision Packages

Mayor Brand and City Council Members,

At the Harbor Commission meeting on June 14, the Commission received a presentation from City Manager Mike Witzansky, and held a lengthy discussion regarding the 2022-27 Capital Improvement Plan and 2022-23 Budget Decision Packages.

The Harbor Commission would like to thank the Council for requesting the Commission's input, and would like to thank Mike Witzansky and staff for preparing an extensive budget package and for their time with the Commission.

The Harbor Commission is very pleased with the extent of harbor area improvements among the capital projects and decision packages.

**The Harbor Commission unanimously supports the implementation of the following 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan items which are associated with the harbor area:**

- Santa Monica Bay Near/Offshore Debris Total Maximum Daily Load
  - We hope to reduce other sources of marine pollution, including improving Harbor Patrol field time to inspect vessels and find sources of oil and fuel leaks, and to eliminate decaying styrofoam dock floats as a source of plastic pellets within the harbor. This is out of scope for this item, but we hope to address these sources through other methods.
- Bicycle Transportation Plan Implementation
  - Harbor area implementation should be in concert with Amenities Plan.
- Basin 3 Seawall Improvements
  - The seawalls in Basins 1 and 2, and the concrete Galveston wall along the Northern breakwall, have not been evaluated for their condition. This evaluation should be performed so that the scope of work is known for these other areas, as it is known for Basin 3. This knowledge will enable better master lease negotiations or better access to infrastructure improvement funding and overall sea level rise planning.



- Boat Launch Design and Reconstruction
  - The Boat Launch and other Amenities Plan improvements will increase Harbor usage and increase the need for a dedicated Harbor Master.
- Harbor Dredging - Construction
- International Boardwalk Surface Repair
  - We recognize this is a bit of a temporary band-aid and not a long term solution which accommodates sea level rise, but feel it is necessary.
- Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot Pay Stations
  - We hope that this will allow opening the parking lot entrance on Portofino Way. Use of this entrance allows traffic to cross the Harbor Drive bike path with a traffic light. Use of this entrance should be encouraged with signage, particularly for the hoist and future boat ramp.
  - We hope that these pay stations can implement the various discounted parking rates required by Measure C.
- Pier Parking Structure Security
  - Camera security should also be provided for the International Boardwalk dining deck area. Businesses have reported ongoing vandalism to their furnishings in the dining deck area.
  - Camera security should be provided to the Pad 10 skate park.
  - If possible, fiber or other network cabling should be provided to International Boardwalk businesses during installation of camera cabling.
- Sea Level Rise Preparation Master Planning
- Seaside Lagoon
- Sport Fishing Pier Demolition and Reconstruction
  - We recognize that bandwidth and staff time are limited, and regret that this project is not funded until FY25/26.
- Skatepark Improvements
  - We again recommend that the council fund both phase 1 and phase 2 of the park and perform the work at one time.
  - We had previously decided to proceed with only Phase 1 to enable construction of the park by summer, which does not now seem possible.
  - The phase 2 features, including the half pipe wall and public art, make the park much more interesting and fun.
  - The half pipe wall should reduce the sound reflected from the flat wall towards the Village condominiums.
  - Performing the work at 2 different times means paying for mobilization of heavy equipment twice, and we are learning that this mobilization is more difficult and expensive than previously estimated. A single mobilization will reduce total project costs.

**The Harbor Commission would like to recommend that Moonstone Park be included among capital improvement projects.** The Commission recognizes that the city has an extensive set of projects and limited staff time. However, Moonstone Park was slated and funded for improvements several years ago, and the project became blocked by extenuating circumstances.

**The Harbor Commission also unanimously supports the implementation of the following 2022-2023 Budget Decision Package items which are associated with the harbor area:**

- Decision Package #10 - Restoration of a Fire Department Administrative Specialist Position for General Fire Administration.
- Decision Package #11 - Restoration of the Pier/Harbor Public Services Leadworker Position.
- Decision Package #12 - Restoration of Pier/Harbor Part-Time Budgets
- Decision Package #14 - Restoration of Waterfront Falconry and Audit Service Contracts
  - Administrative report from Council 10/15/2019 details the extensive nuisances which had built up from the pest bird population prior to the falconry program (2 hours daily cleaning of seaside lagoon; birds stealing food from patio diners; dead birds, debris, and rats on rooftops, etc). Ongoing funding of the falconry program will prevent a return to this condition.
- Decision Package #15 - Restoration of Waterfront Contract Landscape Maintenance Services
- Decision Package #18 - Restoration of Fire Training Budget
  - We hope this can be increased to restore the specialized training the Harbor Patrol once received (scuba, vessel recovery, etc)
- Decision Package #43 - Quality-of-Life Unit Police Sergeant Position
- Decision Package #44 - New Code Enforcement Officer Position for the Quality-of-Life Unit.
- Decision Package #45 - Community Service Officer II Over Hire for Quality-of-Life Unit
- Decision Package #46 - New Municipal Service Officer Position
- Decision Package #62 - New Pier/Harbor Maintenance Manager Position
  - The Harbor Commission is particularly supportive of this decision package.
- Decision Package #66. New Engineering Services Civil Engineer and Capital Projects Construction Manager Positions.
- Decision Package #70 - Contract for Supplemental Pier/Harbor Restroom Contract Cleaning Services
  - We hope this can be expanded to include any additional cleaning needed on the dining decks on the Pier or International boardwalk.
- Decision Package #83 - Grant Writing Consultant Services

**The Harbor Commission would like to recommend an additional item: A \$4000 fee waiver for services related to the King Harbor Holiday Boat Parade,** to be used for public safety services and bleachers in Moonstone Park. Waivers have been given at the same level in previous years.

Respectfully,

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Chair  
Redondo Beach Harbor Commission

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