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Akbar Alikhan
City of Ventura
501 Poli Street
Ventura, CA 93001

Subject: Letter of Support for Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program to develop the Multi-modal Harbor Access and Mobility Plan for Ventura Harbor

Dear Mr. Alikhan,

On behalf of the City of Santa Paula, I would like to express our support for the City of Ventura's grant application for the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program to develop the Multi-modal Harbor Access and Mobility Plan for Ventura Harbor, which is owned and operated by the Ventura Port District.

The Ventura Harbor is home to a myriad of businesses, including restaurants, shops, hotels, commercial fisheries, and the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center and ferry terminal. All of which are supported by residents of the harbor, city, county, visitors, boaters, and fishers, including Santa Paulans.

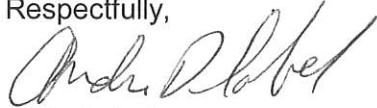
Currently, most people travel to Ventura Harbor via personal motor vehicles. We recognize this mobility plan will encourage transitioning to more environmentally and socially sustainable modes of transportation (e.g. public transit, bicycle, walking), consistent with the Port District's Guiding Principles and 5-Year Objectives. In addition, traffic management and increased vehicle circulation at the Harbor will serve to increase visitation and access to Harbor businesses.

Furthermore, the mobility plan is consistent with City Council's current Legislative Platform which supports these efforts as identified below.

Section 4.A.7 - Transportation, Communications & Public Works - Support legislation that provides funding for development of an integrated, comprehensive, and efficient multi-modal transportation network; this includes inter-county and intra-county highways, pedestrian and bicycle, mass transit, commuter rail service, facilities and infrastructure within the region.

We understand the value of enhancing accessibility for visitors, tenants, and residents throughout the region, and therefore support the City's application as we are confident that the City and Port District will work to successfully develop this plan and implement sustainable transportation utilized by locals and visitors alike.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Sobel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andy" and last name "Sobel" clearly distinguishable.

Andy Sobel
Mayor
City of Santa Paula

Cc: City Council
City Manager
Brian Pendleton, General Manager, Ventura Port District