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The Hon. Janice Hahn  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 822  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Hahn:

The Marina del Rey Lessees Association is urgently concerned about both the substance and the lack of transparency of the County bureaucracy's deep involvement in the City of Los Angeles' "feasibility study" process for consideration of the Public Boat Launch Ramp in (unincorporated County) Marina del Rey as a site for "temporary" housing for the homeless or a safe camping site.

The Marina del Rey Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Association have informed you of our grave concerns about this matter. Still, there is no evidence County staff is making any effort to involve us key stakeholders or others in the feasibility analysis; rather, it would appear County staff is only plotting ways to circumvent public input as well as established Acts, Plans, policies and procedures. For example:

- No consideration is being made regarding the Public Boat Launch Ramp's unique function of providing low-cost access for recreational boaters, amongst the most highly protected user groups under the California Coastal Act.
- No consideration is being made regarding the key "evacuation site" role identified for the Public Boat Launch Ramp in LAWA's FAA-approved Air/Sea Disaster Plan, which is a key component of LAX's Air Emergency Plan. The obvious concerns of LAWA/FAA and first responders, such as the Coast Guard and local fire and law enforcement, ought to be uppermost in mind.

Marina del Rey's visitor-serving and commercial activities would be greatly harmed by this proposal. But, in addition, please consider how ill-advised it would be for the County to so fundamentally harm small boaters' coastal access, many of whom use the Public Boat Launch Ramp as a low-cost boating facility and have no other

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reasonable option to gain access to the ocean for their boats (most cannot afford to moor their boats in the Marina's anchorages).

Please also consider the victims, survivors and first responders who may unwittingly experience an air or sea disaster. If the Public Boat Launch Ramp contained a small village for the homeless, imagine the unnecessary chaos that would ensue when first responders rush to mobilize at the facility as its FAA-approved "evacuation site" function in response to a catastrophic air disaster.

Having been totally left out of this process in any meaningful way, we are also fearful County staff may be seeking ways to avoid long-standing California Coastal Commission policies and practice.

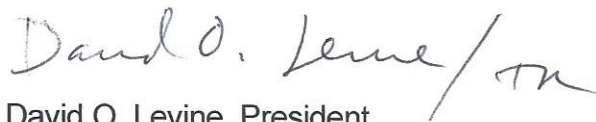
Everyone wants to address the issues confronting the unhoused in a thoughtful and positive manner. However, for a year now, County staff have been operating in secret without collaboration with key stakeholders. Formal responses to our letters do not constitute outreach or consultation.

The Public Boat Launch Ramp is not appropriate for housing the homeless or providing a safe camping site. We would appreciate a request from you to Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez to amend Councilman Bonin's motion for the feasibility study to include a community impact study on the Public Boat Launch Ramp site.

We are attaching the multiple letters and press releases from the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Association to remind you of the serious concerns we have delineated previously about this matter. Please note we are sending a copy of this correspondence to the California Coastal Commission, LAWA and the FAA. We continue to plead with you that you enable our voices and concerns to be addressed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David O. Levine" followed by a stylized flourish.

David O. Levine, President  
Marina del Rey Lessees Association

cc: John Ainsworth, California Coastal Commission  
Lt. Cmdr. Braden Rostad, United States Coast Guard  
Janet Zaldua, Marina del Rey Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Los Angeles World Airports