



Ted Bramble
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To: <district4@longbeach.gov>
cc:
Subject: The Long Beach Breakwater

07/23/2007 09:28 AM

Sir~

Please, please, please support dismantling sections of the Long Beach breakwater. As a fourth generation Long Beachian (and a fifth on the way), I would love to see the Long Beach coastline as it was meant to be-- with moderate surf, clean water, and turning Long Beach back into a destination beach again. It's sad that the surrounding beach cities get more numbers of tourists and beach goers than Long Beach, and in turn, more summer tourism dollars.

My grandfather, father, and myself were all lifeguards here in Long Beach and we all know how the beach could be. The water truly is disgusting, the outlining waters are a parking lot for leaking freight ships, and having any amount of surf come back to Long Beach would be such a treat. Long Beach was not meant to be this stagnant pond.

Please support taking down the breakwater!

Ted Bramble

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"Thomas Wasper"
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To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Re: Breakwater...

07/23/2007 11:54 PM

DeLong seems to be picking up where **Frank Colona** left off. What's next, a faux nature video exclaiming the virtues of Long Beach's forgotten treasure, "The Breakwater" ala Colona the last time this issue came up?

July 23: LBReport.com has obtained copies of what appear to be a mass emailing by 3rd district Councilman Gary DeLong using his taxpayer-paid City Hall computer/email that in our opinion amounts to a disinformational "push poll" (a low-brow political dirty trick) regarding tomorrow's City Council agenda item on the LB Breakwater. LBReport.com will be posting the verbatim text Councilman DeLong's email shortly...so LB taxpayers can see what they're paying for...coming on LBReport.com.



andrew bartz
<lbgrom@yahoo.com>

07/23/2007 03:59 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: we love you

Dear Patrick O'Donnells,

We, and our fellow Millikan Surf Team members, support your effort in trying to dismantle the Long Beach break water. We believe that without the break water, Long Beach would be a more successful and profitable place of interest and will generate revenue. As a surfer, I would greatly enjoy not having to spend money on gas driving all the way to Huntington Beach for decent waves and would also be proud to represent our wonderful city by surfing our home break. Long Beach has so much potential to become greater and more enjoyable for everyone. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow night at city hall and support your dream in making long beach a better place.

Much appreciation from

Seth Quinones, Andrew Bartz, Michael Maggi, Sergio Mendoza, and the Millikan Surf Team.

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"J. VANBLOM"
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07/23/2007 04:13 PM

To: <district4@longbeach.gov>
cc:
Subject: Support for LB Breakwater Reconnaissance Study

Council Member Patrick O'Donnell,

We applaud and support your recommendation to request Tidelands Funds for a Long Beach Breakwater Reconnaissance Study. The citizens of Long Beach deserve access to the cleanest ocean and beaches possible, and we appreciate your efforts to explore possible ways to improve our current situation.

My late father, a former Long Beach lifeguard and then career Long Beach police officer, shared wonderful stories with us about the Long Beach beaches and surf prior to the breakwater.

Thank you for understanding the value of an attractive, healthy beach area to the community.

Regards,

Joan Lind Van Blom
Long Beach native and resident for 54 years

John Van Blom
Long Beach native and resident for 59 years



LizzyT1@aol.com
07/23/2007 03:17 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov, district8@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Let's Make Waves!!

thank you both for your efforts on behalf of the Long Beach shoreline.

With Tim Grobaty and both of you we might finally get some results.

Good luck,

Sincerely,

Teri Staniford/Bixby Knolls area

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"Brian Wiles"
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>

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Long Beach Breakwater

07/23/2007 03:05 PM

Hi Patrick,

My name is Brian Wiles and I'm a homeowner here in Long Beach. I unfortunately can not make the city council meeting tomorrow but I want to please urge you to vote YES on funding a reconnaissance study of the Long Beach Breakwater to determine if reconfiguration of the structure is in the best interest of Long Beach.

I love the ocean and would love to bring clean water and waves to Long Beach.

Thanks

Brian Wiles
2102 Petaluma Ave
Long Beach, CA 90815

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ucanlove@aol.com
07/23/2007 12:45 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov, district8@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Break water

I am one who remembers how clean and beautiful and fun the beaches were prior to the break wall. Please, let Long Beach advance! Bring back tourism! Make Long Beach beautiful, take down the break wall.

I am willing to help in anyway I can to acheive this.

Rev. Suzanne Shipp
3141 Lees Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90808

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Scott559@aol.com
07/22/2007 09:28 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Vote YES on Breakwater Study

As a resident of the Belmont Shore area, please vote yes to have the study of the breakwater.....

Dennis Haessly
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Long Beach, CA 90803

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Jesus Santos
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To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: breakwater study

07/23/2007 05:47 AM

Dear sir. I urge you to vote yest on the study of restructuring the long beach breakwater. For the sake of cleaner water and an improved recreational aspect of my home town... i urge u!

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Robin Pozniakoff
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To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc: Robin Pozniakoff <robin.poz@verizon.net>
Subject: Best of Luck Tuesday!

07/23/2007 06:36 AM

Pat,

I wish you the best of luck in getting agreement on the need to study the breakwater reconfiguration. There is no really valid reason why we can't be a real "beach" city, attracting hordes of tourists who want to play in clean, rolling waves. I'll be there to support you Tuesday!

P.S., I support the Surfrider Foundation and it's goal of seeking the study of and, ultimately, getting the breakwater reconfigured.

Robin Pozniakoff
LB 90805

-Robin E
And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. A Nin



"Roberta Cline"
<roberta.cline@gmail.com>

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Support of Breakwater Study

07/23/2007 08:35 AM

Dear Councilman O'Donnell,

My husband and I are unable to be at the City Council meeting tomorrow night, but I wish to make know my entire family's STRONG support of the city exploring options for reconfiguring the breakwater. In our opinion, the Tidelands Fund could serve no better purpose than the Breakwater Reconnaissance Study or some other similar vehicle.

I vacationed in Long Beach as a child and returned to its wonderful (and much improved!) environs as a full time resident 4 years ago. Our 4 adult children enjoyed visiting us so much (they are all in SoCal area), that two of them have moved here themselves. In fact our daughter was so taken with the area that she purchased a struggling "CURVES" franchise downtown (Broadway & Long Beach Blvd.) and has turned it around, enjoying a great relationship with many other business owners in the downtown area.

Having said all that, it has been a 'refrain' of ours, that while walking along the wonderful 'boardwalk' or enjoying lunch at Cafe Claire, etc., how unfortunate it is that the breakwater has altered the surf - and seemingly the quality of the water - so radically. When we go to just relax on the beach for a day - which is often - we (sadly) invariably head to Seal Beach with its surf and truer (to us) ocean environment. We normally buy at least two meals during that sort of a day, as well as do some shopping. The same would occur were we to be relaxing near Belmont Shore or downtown, meaning not only a loss in beauty to Long Beach but a loss of revenue.

Thank you for taking the lead in examining alternatives. We wish you success in producing responsible change.

Roberta and Doug Cline
5309 Marina Pacifica Drive South
Long Beach 90803



John Marikos
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net>

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Breakwater

07/23/2007 10:03 AM

Mr. O'Donnell,

I am requesting that you vote yes on a reconnaissance study of the Long Beach Breakwater to determine if reconfiguration of the structure is in the best interest of water quality and the residents of Long Beach.

Thank you,
John Marikos
562-597-8078



Jaz Kaner
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To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc: Jaz Kaner <jazkaner@verizon.net>
Subject: LB Breakwater

07/23/2007 08:05 PM

Patrick,
Hi, I believe we are neighbors - we live on Fanwood Ave.

As a lifelong surfer (raised in Hawaii), and a 12 year resident of Long Beach, I have joined the fight to remove the LB Breakwater.

Removal of the LB Breakwater would likely have the following effects:

- * Restoration of what was once one of the best beaches in the LA area
- * Turn "cesspool front" property into true beachfront property, restoring tourism & commerce in LB
- * Contrary to rumors of "tremendous damage" to homes, it could in fact, ENLARGE the beaches in the area by restoring traditional sand flow
- * Erosion, if it happened, could be mitigated by offshore reefs (made from the breakwater), providing habitat for sealife, and recreational areas.

Many in district 3 are in favor of removal of the breakwater for these reasons: That they want their property values to go up.

... Jaz Kaner



Ed Holder
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To: district4@longbeach.gov, district8@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Breakwater Reconnaissance Study

07/23/2007 09:58 PM

Dear Councilmembers Gabelich and O'Donnell-

My wife and I moved to Long Beach five years ago, initially moving to Bluff Heights and then up to California Heights, where we are now raising our two children.

We love Long Beach, the parks, the Pike, the Shore, our annual historic home tour...I could go on. During our five years here, we have also viewed the Long Beach shoreline as just that...something that should be viewed. But three weeks ago, we decided to give the beach another shot and took our 18 month old son to the beach near the end of Redondo, west of the pier. As we walked closer to the water's edge, the shoreline appeared as one would expect after a January storm, not a non-descript July day. It was littered with rusted paint cans, gasoline containers, mechanical parts, and thousands of other items one would expect to find in an urban dump, not on a local beach. The smell coming from the accumulated green algae was powerful and the beach was practically empty.

So much for our sojourn. The trip saddened us...we consider ourselves to be compelling diplomats for this City. But as we talked about the experience later in the day, it was clear to us that Ocean Water and Water Quality are Long Beach's "Inconvenient Truth." We read about these issues from time to time, but until we experienced it through our child's eyes, the issue was not real. How do we explain to our son (and, as of last week, daughter) why we don't take them to their City's beaches?

This City's economy will continue to transition toward services, tourism and recreation (we note the impressive list of speakers at the upcoming Women's Conference...though we hope that Mr. Blair will not be shown the beach near Redondo) and the City's coastline, and the water quality contained therein, is a vital community asset.

We are encouraged by your support of a preliminary reconnaissance study of a breakwater reconfiguration...not as an "end all-be all solution", but as one possible solution in what will surely be a menu of options needed to improve ocean water quality in Long Beach. We hope that you will be able to convince your fellow Councilmembers that there is arguably a moral imperative on our City leadership to conduct this preliminary investigation.

We urge you to continue to show strength in supporting

this preliminary breakwater study and look forward to your continued leadership on issues relating to water quality. As you know, these issues affect all of Long Beach, not just those living along the shore. Thank you-

Sincerely,

Ed and Stephanie Holder
3610 Falcon Ave.
Long Beach, 90807

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"Barbara Lefforge"
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To: <district4@longbeach.gov>
cc:
Subject: Vote for breakwater relocation in Long Beach

07/23/2007 10:20 PM

At the July 24th meeting, I request that you approve Funds to study the relocation of the Long Beach breakwaters. This would allow for the possibility of Long Beach, once again, to have ocean waves and cleaner ocean water. I also think that it would bring even more tourism to our city.

Thank you,
Susan Lehr, homeowner
4224 E. 11th St.
Long Beach CA 90804



"Austin Bach"
<bachsteady@gmail.com>

To: district4@longbeach.gov, distric8@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: bring back the beach

07/23/2007 07:11 PM

I have never written a letter to any politician in my 34 years in this body...until now. I would like to congratulate you both for taking up this cause and relay my extreme interest and support. I, like many I associate with agree that Long Beach would be a better place aesthetically and financially without the breakwater or those ugly oil islands (but thats a whole other discussion). Please, please do not give up. No matter what. Great change starts somewhere and I truly hope this is the begining of something great to happen. I live next to a man who lived in long beach his whole life, he is in his 80's. I personally was born here and know these beaches's well. He has told me countless stories and I have seen pictures of long beach before the breakwater was put in. What a happening place. I am willing to volunter my time and any resources I can to support your cause as premature as it may be. Best of luck and remember that if its a no today it can be a yes tomorrow. Good Luck!!!

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Austin Bach
Coldwell Banker Coastal Alliance
5550 E. 7th St.
Long Beach Ca, 90804



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07/24/2007 04:29 AM

To: district4@longbeach.gov

cc:

Subject: Breakwater

I support Patrick O'Donnell's plan to call for \$150,000 from the city's Tidelands Funds to fund the Reconnaissance Study of the Long Beach Breakwater. The city council voted on this measure over 2 years ago and absolutely nothing has been done. Heal the Bay's Annual Beach Report Card rated our local beaches last in the entire state and more pollution is flowing down the Los Angeles River. It's time that Long Beach City Council take responsibility for this and "walk their talk".

The residents of Long Beach deserve cleaner water and healthier beaches. The reconfiguration of the Long Beach breakwater must be studied as a solution to restoring our recreational water quality and bringing back waves to Long Beach.

Thank you,
Janice Dahl, President
University Park Estates Neighborhood Association

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"Christopher Michael
DiPaul"
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To: district4@longbeach.gov, district8@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Breakwater Study

07/24/2007 08:37 AM

Councilpersons O'Donnell and Gaebelich:

My hearty support as a resident of District 2 to your efforts to put in motion the LONG OVERDUE study to gather data regarding the Breakwater. Please inform Councilperson Suja Lowenthal of my support for this study. Data should be gathered and analyzed dispassionately, and action taken based on the outcome of the analysis.

With any luck, Dana Rohrbacher will suffer the same fate as his pro-war colleagues in the next election and this unsightly impediment to Breakwater removal will be eliminated.

Remember, the good of the MANY (Long Beach) must outweigh the good of the FEW (Peninsula residents) or the ONE (Rohrbacher).

Christopher DiPaul
1187 E 3rd St
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07/24/2007 08:41 AM

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district1@longbeach.gov, district5@longbeach.gov,
district8@longbeach.gov, district7@longbeach.gov,
district6@longbeach.gov

Subject: NO NO NO City Manager to allocate funds up to \$100,000 from the
Tideland Funds Fund for a Long Beach Breakwater Reconnaissance
Study

Hi,

Water Quality to us is very important. We are installing a "Whole House Filtration with Ultra Violet" for our residence. Not a water softener!

Forget the Break Water.

If you want more back bay water flow--open up a Chanel across Ocean Ave. between US Sailing and Gondola Get-a-Way. That will give plenty of circulation.

Thanks for your attention.

Chuck Ward



"Kim Hatch"
<khatch@lbcc.edu>

07/24/2007 09:39 AM

To: <district4@longbeach.gov>
cc:
Subject: Long Beach Breakwater

Dear Councilman O'Donnell,

I have lived in the Long Beach area for 50 years and recognize the opportunity we have at hand to fund a reconnaissance study of the Long Beach Breakwater to determine if it can be modified to enhance the water quality and recreation opportunities for our community. Please vote YES on funding this important study.

Sincerely,

Kim Hatch



Beth Barnes
<gotwaveslb@yahoo.com>

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: LB Breakwater

07/20/2007 06:33 PM

With best of luck as you approach the meeting on Tuesday night where the Breakwater issue will re-surface. Thank you for your staunch support....there are many behind you and I applaud you for standing by your convictions.

With all the best,
Beth Barnes
(former) LB Surfrider Chairperson



lkalaj@aol.com
07/20/2007 09:06 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Reconnaissance Study

Dear Councilman O'Donnell,

I first apologize for writing you via email as I much prefer the traditional way of letters via the post. However, seeing as how I was just informed this topic will be discussed next week along with your submitting a request, I found it may be better to get this to you sooner than later.

As a native of Long Beach, I have long admired our city and watched its strengths and weaknesses grow and diminish. The Long Beach Breakwater is one of our city's continued weaknesses that has been a part of my childhood and still exists today into my adulthood.

The Long Beach Breakwater is an issue that has far too long been ignored, neglected, and failed as a priority on the agenda of our representatives to be pushed forward. I ask that you maintain your ground on this issue and can constructively persuade all the members of our council to recognize the importance of the study in the end result leading to its reconfiguration and or elimination.

I am well aware amongst the citizens of our city there are many diverse reasons to seeing the Long Beach Breakwater diminished. The most obvious and simple one to note is our environment or lack there of. We cannot call our beach as so, it has been a lagoon for years. It is a shame to our great city and the people who visit it and live in it. Above all, a shame to all of natures inhabitants and the natural intended form of occurrences to the ecosystem.

I am pleased with the recent Recreational Water Quality set by Mayor Foster and hope the appropriate individuals and voices are chosen for this board. The Surfrider Foundation is one.

Thank you for your efforts in pushing this study forward and what may occur thereafter.

I hope that God continues to guide your work for our city and its people.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

Regards,

Linda Kalaj
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07/21/2007 11:04 PM

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district5@longbeach.gov, district6@longbeach.gov,
district7@longbeach.gov, district8@longbeach.gov,
district9@longbeach.gov, mayor@longbeach.gov

cc:

Subject: Tidelands Money for the Breakwater Study

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

The battle for restoring the shore has been waging for over 10 years. Meanwhile the water quality off-shore has deteriorated to the point where it is no longer safe to swim in Long Beach waters many days of the year. Something must be done to clean up this mess created by storm water runoff and trash carried into the enclosed area between the breakwater and the beach.

Certainly the cities upstream are responsible for much of the trash! Certainly the federal government should pay for this! However, since this is not happening, it is time for Long Beach to quit pointing fingers and take care of this problem!

What better use for tidelands funds than to clean up the tidelands? These funds have been used for beach cleaning and sand replacement; why not use them for a study to see if reconfiguring the breakwater will do these tasks in a more efficient way?

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust board urges you to support Councilmembers O'Donnell and Gabelich in their efforts to restore the shore.

Sincerely,

Ann Cantrell
Treasurer
Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust

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Jim Van Eimeren
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07/21/2007 11:40 PM

To: district8@longbeach.gov, district4@longbeach.gov
cc: Gordana Kajer <gordana.kajer@verizon.net>
Subject: Reconnaissance study of the LB breakwater

Dear Rae Gabelich and Patrick O.Donnell,

Just want you to know that I am very much in favor of funding this issue and taking the first step toward returning the Long Beach beaches to the citizens for their enjoyment.

As a boater in Alamitos Bay since the middle 1960's, I have been saddened by the deterioration of water quality in our LB marinas and beaches.

Last year I fought for action on proper repair or replacement of the pump out stations in Alamitos Bay. The recent replacements would not have happened without the assistance and intervention of Gary DeLong, who helped me light a fire under foot dragging management.

If revision of the LB breakwater can return some semblance of tidal and wave action to the ocean beaches, perhaps they will become usable again. At present, they are a public disgrace.

Jim Van Eimeren
Retired CSULB professor and
avid diver and boater
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"Karl Weimer"
<kweimer@earthlink.net>

07/22/2007 04:38 PM

To: <district4@longbeach.gov>
cc:
Subject: 7/24 council meeting: re.reconnaissance study of the LB breakwater

Hello!

I'd just like to take a minute to encourage you to look at this issue favorably when it comes up on the 24th.

There are lots of pros and cons, people who aren't interested, and people who have too much interest... regardless, I think its plain that the beach is not a very pretty one and the water (I do a bit of sailing in the bay...) is a murky and very unappealing compared to what it might be if nature was a bit more of a free flow from the ocean.

respectfully,

Karl Weimer

*s/v Luna Blanca
Long Beach, CA
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*I have made this note longer, because I
have not had the time to make it shorter*

-Pascal



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07/22/2007 05:08 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov, district8@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Breakwater

Dear City Councilmembers:

I would like to voice my support of a "Yes" vote on the study of breakwater reconfiguration. The Alamitos Beach shoreline is constantly plagued with trash due to the poor circulation of water through this area. With the city on such an upturn, it's a shame that one of our most valuable assets is shunned by tourists and residents due to the filth and poor water quality. Something must be done to address this issue and allow the ocean water to flow freely into the beaches of west Long Beach.

I also support the expansion of our rail system. A street car system serving Broadway, CSULB and perhaps looping around the city via Willow to the Blue Line would make Long Beach a further jewel in Southern California and pave the way for other cities to modernize their infrastructure.

Thanks,

Steven J. Eggart
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Jacqueline Cole
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07/22/2007 06:04 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov
CC:
Subject: Re: Long Beach City Council is Voting to fund a Reconnaissance Study
of The Long Beach Breakwater

Please try to restore the surf in Long Beach.
Jacqueline Cole

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Alicewank@aol.com

07/22/2007 06:18 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov

cc:

Subject: Your Honorable Councilman Patrick O'Donnell

Dear Councilman Patrick O'Donnell,

It's refreshing to know that you are interested in reconfiguring the breakwater. Swimmers everywhere will bless you including me.

Thank you,
Alice Wanket

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07/23/2007 06:08 PM

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Fwd: Breakwater reconfiguration--AGAIN!!! Bill Zahn

Dear Councilman Patrick O'Donnell,

Lorraine O'DONNELL Doyle of Rancho Santa Fe and I were classmates at Wilson [class of '40] and we are still close friends. She is the author of a book about her parents, *Second to None*, pioneer Long Beach aviators Gladys and Lloyd O'Donnell. The O'Donnell's were early California oil barons, Thomas O'Donnell was prominent in Palm Springs, and owner of the building that he donated to the city and which is now the Long Beach Museum of Art. There are over two dozen O'Donnell's in the current Long Beach white pages, but stranger coincidences that this are in my journal.

Thought I would send along my thoughts since I am supposed to avoid the excitement that often occurs at City Council meetings. More than enough to read below...

May you have a productive and satisfying life,
Bill Zahn

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----- Message from Wfzlaro@aol.com on Mon, 23 Jul 2007 19:04:14 EDT -----

To: wfzlaro@aol.com[w.f.zahn

Subject Breakwater reconfiguration--AGAIN!!! Bill
: Zahn

WATER is life's number one priority. The great civilizations of antiquity flourished only where there was potable water—the valleys of the Nile, The Tigris and Euphrates, the great rivers of India and China. As humans shifted from hunter/gatherers to the agrarian life styles, extra water and a plow meant surpluses, specialization, and trade. Then the great bodies of water facilitated transport of good for distant exchange.

A harbor, with protection from wind, waves and currents, was and remains a premium beyond measure. Coastal cities with great natural harbors like San Francisco and San Diego leave their neighbors in the dust commercially. When California was but a babe, there was great competition over the location of a major shipping center for the Los Angeles area. The West-facing beaches from Santa Monica to Palos Verdes were ravaged by winter storms which wiped out every large pier that was constructed. The deep-water trench off of Redondo Beach permitted the monster waves that wiped out The Strand of my birth.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula is responsible for the south-facing cove into which San Pedro, Wilmington, and Long Beach are tucked. It blocks the clockwise coastal current of the North Pacific Ocean gyre. The original rock breakwater constructed from San Pedro in 1899-12 proved so effective in storm protection, that extensive dredging of the marshes and estuary of the Los Angeles River transformed the area. The dredged muds provided terra firma for Wilmington, Terminal Island, and much of downtown Long Beach. The deepened channels provided protected access for the largest ocean-going vessels, including the U. S. Navy thru World War II. The massive granite boulders quarried from nearby Catalina Island, provided the base materials

for pier J and other modern docking facilities. The middle section of the breakwater was added in 1932-39, and the final southern addition thru most of the '40s.

In the '30s we used to take naval shore-boats out to the ships designated for weekend public touring. During the winter storm season, they cancelled the tours, since the exaggerate surge would have made transfer from boat to ship impossible. Image the effect this would have on our precision docking transfers from monster cargo ships.

Leadership Long Beach has a session on determining PRIORITIES based on IMPORTANCE and URGENCY. **Reconfiguration of the breakwater** may become a priority when we find it necessary to **RAISE** the height of our protector due, to **global warming, increased storm activity, and rising sea levels.**

A few sets of rad waves for a handful of surfers, cannot compare with the mobs of non-swimmers who are able to enjoy our quiet waters on summer weekends. Try to find a parking space at Cherry Beach on a weekend until October! The few hot-dog surfers think nothing of traveling to Seal, Huntington, and Newport Beaches for rideable waves, and our convention tourists can watch them on a day trip from their Long Beach hotel. *Quo vadis Long Beach?* is another significant subject for discussion.

Before big bucks are spent on studies, I recommend:

1. Check with Seal Beach and Sunset Beach, and the steps they take for protection against winter tides and storm surge. The annual costly winter sand berm entirely blocks the view of the ocean from anyone at sea level.
2. View the VCR created by former District # Councilman Frank Colona on the destruction caused by pre-breakwater wave action. Winter storm waves crashed against the bluffs, and would jeopardize the waterfront installations. Waves washed across the peninsula in the '20s smashing the little shacks that were the only occupants of the now prime couple feet of artificial topsoil. *The conceit of man will pay any price for that prime location, and pay it over and over for the same precarious location. "If you're going to hit me with logic, I have no desire to communicate with you!" [poetic aside]*
3. Check with the Port Authority and Harbor Commission on their opinion. In the recent past I presented the subject to them, and was told 'not to worry'. There is no way in that the Army Corps of Engineers is going to reconfigure to reduce the current effective breakwater.

Present it to them for yourselves. The Surfriders and their coterie will not give up until someone does very expensive studies. I still feel that their attorney gives them a cut of his fees for their countless nuisance lawsuits. And you can bet they will find some basis for a suit.

[personal animus]

4. Refer to the Symposium of 9-21-2000 at LBCC where six professionals discussed the "Long Beach Breakwater Controversy". The Surfriders were the only ones that wanted to drop the level and/or poke holes in it.
5. Check the southern beaches on their water quality. They do not have a breakwater, and yet have major water quality problems. They have poured dyes into the Orange County rivers, and the stain just hugs the shore, even with their enthusiastic wave action. Perhaps the power plants change the natural tidal flow.
6. Check the Long Beach Life Guard records for rescues and deaths from the 'pretty little

waves,' rip tides, drop-offs, etc. *Waves constituted an "attractive nuisance" from a legal point of view.*

I've been trying to keep a low profile recently, but the BREAKWATER set just won't let the subject rest. I have extensive files and words available on request.

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har·bor *h* (härÆbÄr), *n.*

1. a part of a body of water along the shore deep enough for anchoring a ship and so situated with respect to coastal features, whether natural or artificial, as to provide protection from winds, waves, and currents.
2. such a body of water having docks or port facilities.
3. any place of shelter or refuge: *The old inn was a harbor for tired travelers.* —*v.t.*
4. to give shelter to; offer refuge to: *They harbored the refugees who streamed across the borders.*
5. to conceal; hide: *to harbor fugitives.*
6. to keep or hold in the mind; maintain; entertain: *to harbor suspicion.*
7. to house or contain.
8. to shelter (a vessel), as in a harbor. —*v.i.*
9. (of a vessel) to take shelter in a harbor.

Also, *esp. Brit.*, **harbour**.

[bef. 1150; ME *herber(we)*, *herberge*, OE *herebeorg* lodgings, quarters (*here* army + (*ge*)*beorg* refuge); c. G *Herberge*]

—**Syn.** 1. HARBOR, HAVEN, PORT indicate a shelter for ships. A HARBOR may be natural or artificially constructed or improved: *a fine harbor on the eastern coast*. A HAVEN is usually a natural harbor that can be utilized by ships as a place of safety; the word is common in literary use: *a haven in time of storm; a haven of refuge*. A PORT is a HARBOR viewed esp. in its commercial relations, though it is frequently applied in the meaning of HARBOR or HAVEN also: *a thriving port; any old port in a storm*. 3. asylum, sanctuary, retreat. 4. protect, lodge. 6. See **cherish**.

From my favorite CD Random House Webster's Unabridged International. It should be on every computer.

I like the etymology, and it give spoken standard English pronunciation when you ring it's bell. wfz 070723



Dan Weston
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To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Long Beach Breakwater

07/24/2007 12:20 PM

Mr. O'Donnell,

The Long Beach City Council is voting to fund a reconnaissance study of the Long Beach Breakwater tonight to determine if reconfiguration of the structure is in the best interest of water quality and the residents of Long Beach.

As a long time resident of Long Beach and a lover of the sea I strongly urge you to vote for this study. We desperately need to get the ocean off of Long Beach clean again and this is a great first step which will bring tourists and visitors back to what was once one of the best beaches on the West coast.

Thank you very much for your time,

Daniel Weston
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07/24/2007 12:19 PM

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cc:

Subject: reconfiguring the breakwater to help clean up our beaches

Please support all efforts to clean up our beaches. If we can safely reconfigure the breakwater in a way that will help keep our beaches cleaner and safer for humans and marine life, I'm all for it.

With kind regards,

Justin Rudd!

Thanks for your interest in losing weight and having a healthier lifestyle.

These folks are looking for teammates for Justin Rudd's "Long Beach Losers" contest that begins Wed., Aug. 1. Contest details and downloadable entry forms at www.LongBeachLosers.com. Please contact the e-mail addresses below if you need teammates. You must begin the contest with five teammates.

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If your e-mail is on this list above and need it to be removed, please make that request to JustinRudd@aol.com. And, let us know if you know someone who needs teammates.

Each teammate should download/complete an [entry form](#) and bring it along with a \$5 bill to the initial weigh-in. You DO NOT have to weigh-in each week with your team.

Participants should attend the initial weigh-in any time from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 1 on the boat launch ramp at 1 Granada Ave. in Belmont Shore. If you can get there on time, we will have a "pep rally" and brief opening ceremony at 6:45 p.m. Free parking. Alternate initial weigh-in location/time can be arranged upon request to JustinRudd@aol.com.

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"Kevin Whitney"
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07/24/2007 10:48 AM

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Belmont Shore Resident

To Patrick O'Donnell

Hello, as a resident of Belmont Shore I urge you to vote 'yes' to have the study of the breakwater completed.

Thank you,

Kevin Whitney
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Long Beach, CA 90803



Jonathan Talberg
<jtalberg@csulb.edu>

07/24/2007 10:12 AM

To: district4@longbeach.gov
cc:
Subject: Breakwater Study

Dear Councilman O'Donnell:

I'm writing to urge you to support studying the possibility of removing/adjusting the breakwater in Long Beach. As a twenty year resident of Belmont Shore and a Professor at CSULB, I believe it is in the city's best interest to do everything possible to increase the health of our ocean and beaches (as long as it doesn't significantly endanger the homes of residents on the Peninsula and in Belmont Shore).

Bringing beach tourism back to Long Beach can only be good for economy. Let's put our best feet forward and study the possibility of changing the flow of water into the bay.

Thank you for your consideration,

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07/18/2007 09:50 PM

Dear Mr. O'Donnel,

I am a citizen of Long Beach (born and raise - a total of 49 years) whose parents were raised in Long Beach and rode the surf downtown. My dad used to tell me about riding the surf after jumping off the rainbow pier. What a wonderful childhood he had! My son, who is a member of the Wilson High School Surf Team, has to drive 20 minutes everyday to his surf class, competes in a California Inland School Division of the State Surfing Championship. How does this happen? Why does our city have no surf? Why do we have a beach that no local will venture into? Please, please pursue having our breakwater sunk!!

Thank you so much for helping to return our coast to its natural state!

Kim Watten



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Subject: Funding for Breakwater Study

07/19/2007 10:45 AM

Hello Councilpersons,

It is my understanding that next weeks City Counsel meeting on July 24 will discuss alternate funding of a Breakwater study. Kudos to getting this on the table at this next meeting.

As a resident downtown, 838 Pine Ave, and a representative of a new Neighborhood Alliance (North Pine Neighborhood Alliance) in the downtown area, I want to express my support for finding alternate funds for this important project and the use of the Tideland Funds appears to be the place to find this money. There is growing excitement for this project. Your government administration is on the threshold of orchestrating a great positive change for this city and the movement to natural restoration of our land and water resources in general. Please be strong and represent the growing tide of residence that want this action and vote for funding the study.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher SanGiovanni

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