

August 18, 2016

To: Long Beach Planning Commission  
From: See Attached List  
Regarding: SEASP EIR Mobility Element

On Monday, August 15, 2016 approximately 30 Naples and Belmont Shore Residents met to discuss the SEASP EIR. The consensus of the group is as follows:

"Unmitigated traffic along Pacific Coast Highway, 2nd Street, Studebaker Road, Loynes Avenue, and 7th Street already exists. Commuters traveling to and from Orange County most frequently use 7th Street or the Davies Bridge to downtown Long Beach.

Movement at peak times, weekends (especially summertime) and during special events such as but not limited to:

- Grand Prix
- 3rd of July Fireworks
- 4th of July
- Dragon Boat competitions
- Speed Boat races
- Sea Festivals
- Long Beach Marathon
- Halloween
- Naples Boat Parade and
- Other Events;

makes ingress and egress difficult for residents, visitors, and most important emergency vehicles.

Any new development, residential and especially commercial, will greatly exacerbate the existing unmitigated traffic.

Do not move forward with further development. Developer funding is unpredictable and developer fees are not sufficient to produce the plans as stated in the EIR. Do improve timing of signaling, public transportation, and public parking."

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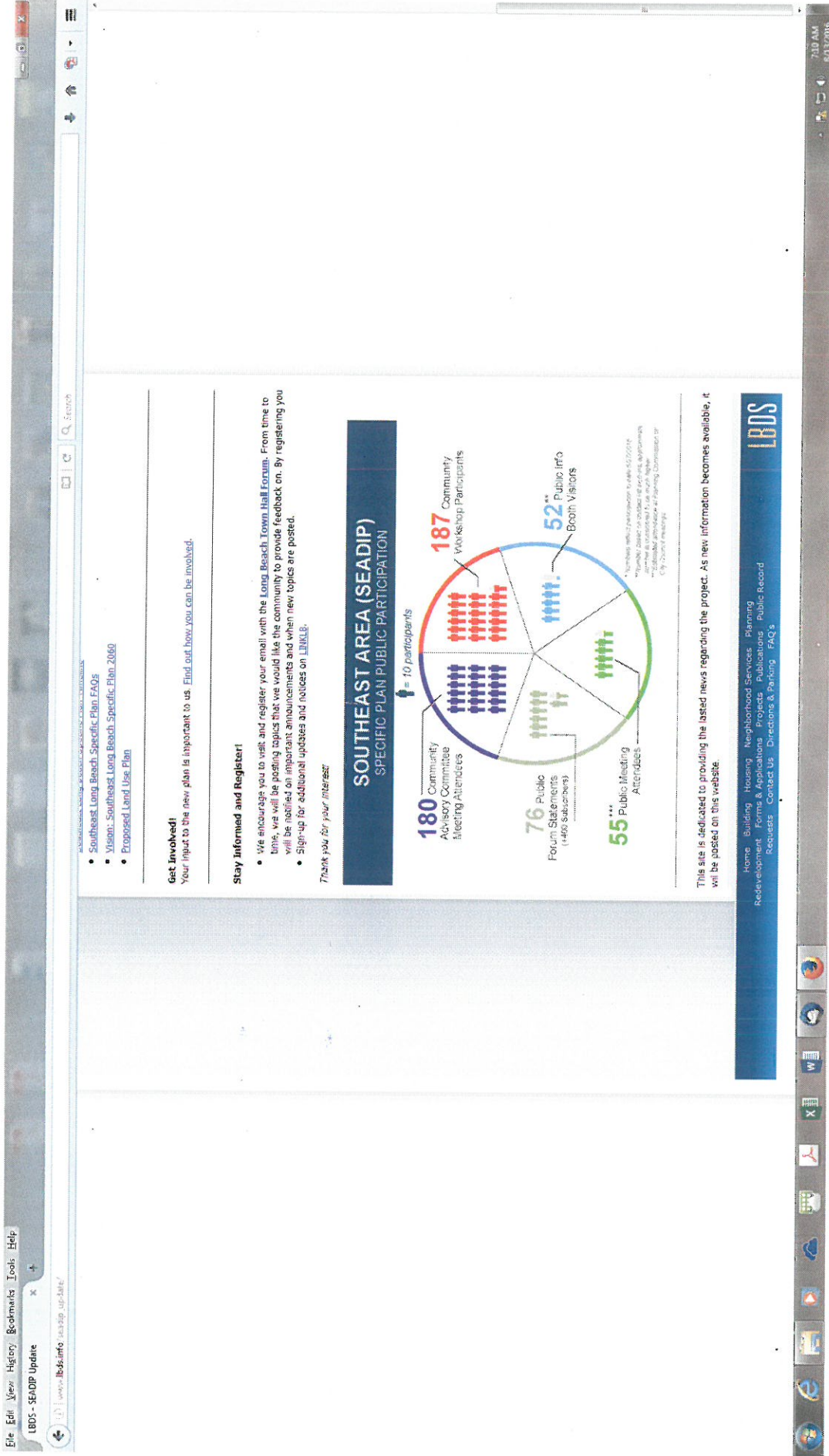
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To: Planning Commissioners

From: Mike O'Toole, President, Naples Improvement Association (NIA)

Re: Naples Improvement Association's Position on Southeast Area Specific Plan (SEASP) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

The Naples Improvement Association, as the representative of the residents of Naples, has a keen interest in the enhancement of the Seaport Marina property, as well as the Southeast area of our City. The Project in the recent Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) addresses this property, and also documents the severe traffic congestion adjacent to this property.

As you know, the traffic now at peak hours at 2nd and Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), is way over our City's Mobility Element's acceptable "D" level. The Element goes on to state that "a level of service "E" or "F", can be severely impacted by even the smallest amount of additional traffic." We are now faced with much more than "the smallest amount of additional traffic" by the current proposals. Although we cannot come close to totally offsetting the coming traffic increase, we hope you agree that we should, as a priority, implement the two most notable mitigations available. One is the connection of Shopkeeper Road to Studebaker Road via the parking area of the Market Place, and the other is the signal timing at 2nd St. and Pacific Coast Hwy. Therefore the Naples Improvement Association strongly urges that these mitigations must be implemented before any buildout is permitted.



*Anna Christensen*  
Comments re SEASP EIR

Over time many efforts have been made requesting that the City of Long Beach acknowledge and consider Native American peoples, including local California Indian peoples past and present, in its decision making processes. To date no genuine effort has been made by any city agency to include the concerns of the Tongva, Acjachmen, and/or other tribal peoples, including their rights as indigenous people under the Geneva Convention Against Genocide and as stated in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

As regards land use issues, while CEQA and AB 52 "Native Americans and CEQA" must be considered, they offer inadequate protection of tribal cultures, include procedural measures which weaken the ability of tribal peoples to protect their cultures and lands, and are easily circumvented by development interests. However the following points re AB 52 should be noted:

AB 52 states that "As California Native Americans have used, and continue to use, natural settings in the conduct of religious observances, ceremonies, and cultural practices and beliefs, these resources reflect the tribes' continuing cultural ties to the land and their traditional heritages."

AB 52 mandates that CEQA :

"Establish a new category of resources in the California Environmental Quality Act called "tribal cultural resources" that considers the tribal cultural values in addition to the scientific and archaeological values when determining impacts and mitigation."

"Establish that a substantial adverse change to a tribal cultural resource has a significant effect on the environment." ~~Notes SEASP Draft EIR~~

Cultural Resources Overview  
for Placemarks by Jeanette McKenna, Archaeologist

The Draft EIR Cultural Resources Overview is simply a cut and paste of the same section from the SEASP Initial Study

1. The Cultural Resources Overview fails adequately evaluate tribal cultural resources and the project impact as relates to California Indians and as described under AB 52

"the significance of a tribal cultural resource and of a project's impact on that resource, and project alternatives and/or mitigation, including those recommended by the tribe. A "tribal cultural resource" – a new term for

CEQA – is any site, feature, place, cultural landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe.”

2. California Indians can and should author all cultural resources reports pertaining to California Indian cultural resources.

“California Native American tribes...have expertise with regard to their tribal history and practices, which concern the tribal cultural resources with which they are traditionally and culturally affiliated.”

3. The archaeologist chosen to write the cultural resources section for SEASP lacks both expertise and sensitivity re tribal history and concerns. Preferring the Spanish “Gabrielino” over “Tongva,” identifying local tribal peoples as “Native Americans under the jurisdiction of Mission San Gabriel”, which “serviced” the area, failing to acknowledge any tribal person or deity by name, failing to name the communities of Puvugna and Motuucheynga whose land bases included the Los Cerritos Wetlands
4. The report fails to include highly relevant cultural and historic information re Southern California Indian culture past and present and contains factual errors as well. In addressing tribal history and culture the report quotes selected archaeological data, omitting information well documented by California Indian historians and by tribal peoples themselves.
5. SEASP makes changes that support the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration and Oil Consolidation Project which will have a negative impact on Tribal Cultural Resources ~~because it~~, therefore SEASP also

Prioritizes oil company and developer profits over environmental and cultural concerns

Lacks input from tribal peoples in the both design of the project and in the draft Initial Study by the City of Long Beach

Violates the human rights of indigenous cultures connected to Puvugna and Motuucheynga where numerous burials and other evidence of 10,000+ years of occupation have consistently been destroyed, removed, and concealed by public and private actors

Will continue the destruction, removal, and concealment of evidence that the Los Cerritos Wetlands are a cultural landscape, deserving of Sacred Site and National Register Status

Note: The DEIR for SEASP includes documentation of the extensive destruction of tribal cultural resources in and around the Los Cerritos



Wetlands as the wetlands themselves disappeared due to development projects by public and private entities.

Denies the right of the Tongva, Acjachemen and other tribal peoples to protect the wetlands ecosystem and honor the ancestors of Motuucheynga and Puvugna

Violates the rights of the Tongva, Acjachemen and other tribal peoples to maintain a cultural, spiritual, and physical connection with the wetlands and the San Gabriel River