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Honorable Long Beach City Council
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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Subject: Boathouse Lane Lot – CCC staff comments

Dear Councilmembers,

Coastal Commission staff have reviewed the item on tonight's Council agenda related to the Boathouse Lane Lot. We offer the following comments and context.

Coastal Development Permit 5-93-232, as amended by 5-93-232-A1 pursuant to a settlement agreement, sets the hours for many (but not all) coastal parking lots in Long Beach. Page 16 of the attached permit and amendment references the "Boathouse Lane Lot" as subject to closure from 1 hour after sunset to 8am. We understand that the City has historically maintained longer open hours (shorter closure hours) for the parking lot nearest to the boathouse and another parking lot along Boathouse Lane further to the north, and is now considering reverting back to the authorized hours.

It is important to note that the coastal development permit does not authorize closure of the public street (Boathouse Lane), which provides access to the boathouse, Jack Dunster Marine Preserve, and the shoreline and waters of Marine Stadium. Coastal Commission staff are not aware of specific Commission-authorized or City-enforced closure hours for these facilities, so it is important they maintain accessible for pick-up and drop-off of people and boats even if the Boathouse Lane Lot is closed.

Coastal Commission staff therefore recommends that the Council action focus on the closure of the parking lot, rather than the public street. This could be accomplished with signage and gates for the parking lot, rather than at the entrance to the public street.

We appreciate the ongoing collaboration with the City of Long Beach on public access and recreational facilities and the City's commitment to serving its residents and coastal visitors. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any clarifications or to provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Zach Rehm

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District Supervisor

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