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Executive Secretary

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City of Long Beach
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Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of 48 local unions and district councils that make up the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, with several thousand members living in Long Beach, I urge you to explore the full options for local employment for the Queen Mary Island Gondola System, and for the total redevelopment around the Queen Mary.

In December 2015, Mayor Garcia convened a 12-member Task Force to establish an optimal approach for reimagining and developing the area around the Queen Mary. We ask for your support to approve Councilwoman Pearce's request to have staff work with stakeholders to fund the feasibility study for the Gondola System.

In addition, Urban Commons is working on redeveloping Queen Mary Island to make Downtown Long Beach even more of a destination. They are seeking to work with potential partners to assist with a portion of the costs required for an initial study. We are also willing to have our union pension investors—who have helped fund high-profile projects throughout the United States—sit down with project executives at Urban Commons to explore the possibility of working together.

By working with the Building Trades, as the City of Long Beach, Long Beach Civic Center and Long Beach City College have done, we can enact hiring provisions that will directly benefit our local residents and military veterans.

We look forward to a new vision for the Queen Mary, and we support the gondola study. We reiterate that the construction employment on these projects should be on a union model that enables local hiring.

Thank you,

Ron Miller
Executive Secretary
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