

October 10, 2023

Dear Board of Port Commissioners:

Sandy Naranjo and I have two beautiful kids together. Although we were married for several years, she and I are now divorced.

Sandy has not asked me to write this letter. I heard about the proposed censure against her through the press. When I read the accusations, I realized that I had information that you and the public should know. Because I cannot attend the meeting to share what I know myself, I have authorized Sandy's lawyer to read this letter.

Sandy and I were still married during her first year on the Port Board. One of the first things she began to suspect was that the Port's top attorney, Tom Russell, was acting unethically and possibly illegally. Sandy was therefore asking a lot of questions about the quality and trustworthiness of his work.

Mr. Russell's assistant, Rebecca Harrington, is a good friend of my brother, and I have met her on only two occasions. The first time was in 2022, shortly after Sandy and I had split up. After learning this, Ms. Harrington approached me to tell me how much she hates Sandy and how terrible she thought Sandy was. On the second occasion, just last August at my brother's vacation house in Grass Valley, Ms. Harrington and I were talking. She again told me that she hates Sandy and that the Port Commissioners all hate Sandy and that "Sandy is going down."

I just wanted you to know that for quite some time Mr. Russell's assistant has been making it clear that this day was coming, which makes it sound like this is more of a political take-down than a legitimate concern about Sandy.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Andrew McKercher.

Andrew McKercher

10/10/23

As a dedicated port commission member, I prioritize transparency, accountability, and community wellbeing.

Regrettably, it became necessary for me to “blow the whistle” to achieve further inquiry on certain conduct by our port’s head general counsel. Immediately afterwards and explicitly, I experienced severe retaliation by the commission chair and certain staff members. This reveals serious ethical concerns and threatens the port’s integrity and effectiveness.

The negative repercussions of these apparent ethical lapses impact many people. The staff who witnessed these events unfold (both the misconduct and retaliation) appear apprehensive and reluctant to speak up on important matters. The atmosphere of fear and intimidation create a chilling effect on effective oversight, stifling the very voices that are vital for fostering a healthy and productive work environment.

Dates/Times	Topic	Witnesses	Description of incident
October 27 2022	Request from Jodene Isaacs for PRA on Emissions Control Capture Technology made on September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jodene Isaacs  Port staff in charge of handling Public Records Requests	Got connected with Jodene Isaacs via California Transportation Commissioner Dr. Joe Lyou. Dr. Lyou mentioned to me that Jodene has been unsuccessful in retrieving public records on the bids for the Emissions Control Capture Technology

<p>Early Week of November 2022</p>	<p>Tonsich/ Russell Relationship</p>	<p>EJ Activists and business leaders in LA</p>	<p>At a conference in Los Angeles, I was notified by EJ activists and business leaders that Tom Russell and Nick Tonsich were former colleagues and friends. Tom Russell was general counsel for the Port of Los Angeles when Nick Tonsich was the port commission chair, and they worked together on port legal matters. I was advised that based on their prior professional and personal relations that were not disclosed to port commissions (no conflicts of interest were identified or waived) Tom Russell (while acting as general counsel for the Port of San Diego) helped facilitate Nick Tonsich's company to secure a CAEM Port of San Diego contract approval for a multi-million dollar deal. Tom Russell didn't disclose to Port of San Diego commissioners his previous attorney-client/business/personal relationship with Nick Tonsich when that CAEM deal was forwarded to our commission for approval. Tom Russell and his legal staff handled the legal negotiations, contract drafting, and promotion of Nick Tonsich's company as the selected CAEM multi-million dollar deal winner. Even more concerning, while Tom Russell and his legal team engaged in due diligence to knock out at least one competitor of Nick Tonsich based on a prior federal litigation matter (an bankruptcy), another federal litigation matter was apparently entirely ignored by Tom Russell and his legal team: both Nick Tonsich and former Vice President of Pasha Jeff Burgin were being sued by Pasha in federal court for a multi-year conspiracy that involved fraudulent documents, falsified invoices, inflated amounts paid to Nick</p>
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Tonisch and 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. The lawsuit claimed that Burgin and Tonsich, the architect and largest benefactor of the Green Omni Terminal “threatened whistleblowers, set up fake companies and stole millions of dollars from Pasha which Tonsich funneled back to Burdin through illegal kickbacks, lavish vacations and favors at the Port”. Finally, that lawsuit alleged the very same technology being offered to the Port of San Diego by Nick Tonsich (and promoted by Tom Russell with no disclosures, conflict waivers or ethical mitigation of any kind whatsoever) was **ineffective** and did not work—none of this information was disclosed by Tom Russell to Port of San Diego commissions. Not only does this appear to be a brazen conflict of interest neither disclosed nor waiver, this also appears to constitute either a massive due diligence failure or an intentional direction of business to a former client and friend despite knowledge of a pending federal litigation with allegations that Port of San Diego commissioners needed to know and have evaluated by independent separate counsel fulfilling their fiduciary duty to this organization. To put this bluntly, it seems like our general counsel was representing the interests of a prior client/affiliate to the detriment of his current client.

I believe that San Diego Port Commissioners, if they were provided accurate and complete information on Nick Tonsich and Tom Russell’s prior or current relationships and and the pending federal lawsuit raising serious questions about the credibility of both Nick Tonsich and his technology would likely have

requested outside non-conflicted counsel handle the Nick Tonsich contract, would have investigated and evaluated the pending federal lawsuit claims (examples: contacting counsel for all parties, requesting public information and possibly exchanged discovery), and, may have declined to proceed with a multi-million dollar deal that enriched Nick Tonsich's company with a 13 year deal worth several million dollars. The fact that we either ignored or failed to locate a pending federal lawsuit by our long-time port tenant, Pasha, and actually proceeded to contract with the target of that lawsuit's allegations, with zero disclosure to commissioners, is shocking.

None of that was disclosed on the staff report.

<p>November 20 2022</p>	<p>Follow up on Jodene Isaacs PRA on Emissions Control Capture Technology made on September 28th</p>	<p>Jodene Isaacs Port staff in charge of handling Public Records Requests</p>	<p>Notified by Port staff and Jodene that PRA was denied.</p>
<p>December 13 2022  10 am- 1 pm</p>	<p>Russell Personnel Evaluation</p>	<p>Tom Russell  Board of Port Commissioners</p>	<p>In the morning of December 13, 2023, I asked commissioner Dan Malcolm (Chair) permission to bring up my concerns regarding Tom Russell and Nick Tonisch in a closed session (confidential, and, giving Tom Russell and others an opportunity to understand the concerns and provide rational explanations on a confidential basis). The chair gave me the green light</p> <p>When I brought up the [REDACTED], the [REDACTED], and, also, the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I was shut down by my colleagues who all claimed [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. In fact I was explicitly told by soon to be the next chair. Rafa, that [REDACTED]</p>

			<p>[REDACTED]. Rafa was, of course, ultimately elected chair.</p> <p>I want to make crystal clear that in response to these allegations, I have been told nothing that exonerates Tom Russell or now Chair Rafa regarding these allegations—no explanations, no added information, nothing, to excuse the conduct that I described in close session to my colleagues.</p>
<p>December 13 2022</p> <p>Afternoon Public Meeting</p>	<p>Election of Officers</p>	<p>Commissioners</p> <p>ELG</p> <p>Members of the Public</p> <p>Recorded Video</p>	<p>Motion was made to nominate Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary- my being appointed Vice-Chair as is the norm among commissioners in terms of how chair and vice-chair rotate died for lack of second.</p> <p>Motion was made again (I made it- second by Mike Zucchet) Passed with the new chair, Rafael, who had told me I would be punished for bringing up Tom Russell misconduct, abstaining from voting for my attaining the vice-chair role. This was unusual, out of the norm, but reflective of his loyalty to Tom Russell.</p>

December 19, 2022	Debrief of CS and the Vote	Sandy and Rafael Castellanos	<p>Phone call to discuss the Closed Session and the embarrassing vote on my vice-chair. Rafa claimed he wasn't aware that I had asked permission from former Chair Dan Malcolm- Rafa remained demonstratively upset that I brought up these allegations regarding Tom Russell in that closed session. Rafa stated that the port commission board is a "consensus board" (does that mean dissent is not allowed and punished?). Rafa reiterated that there are "consequences" for what I did and he purposely abstained from the vote for my vice-chair to "show me a lesson" and for the public (!) to know that there are consequences for what I did in the closed session. Rafa has no explanations for Tom Russell's conduct, or now his—there appeared to be zero concern that there is any effective oversight with the port.</p>

<p>December 23 2022</p>	<p>Defamation and Retaliation</p>	<p>National City Councilmember Ditas Yamane</p>	<p>Councilmember Yamane notified me that now Chair Rafael Castellanos spoke to Brad Raulston, the former City Manager of National City, about me. During their conversation, Chairman Castellanos stated that I would never be chair and should be immediately removed from my position. Subsequently, Brad Raulston contacted Councilmember Yamane in an attempt to persuade her to vote for my removal from the port commission. This is a shocking display of corruption. However, Council member Yamane refused and chose to personally speak with Chairman Castellanos. In their conversation, Chairman Castellanos asserted that I am a "terrible Port Commissioner" and accused me of causing the City of National City to lose \$2.5 million. These claims regarding my performance and alleged financial losses are false, defamatory, and raise false questions about my competence as a commissioner. They appear corruptly intentioned to protect misconduct and defeat transparency</p>
<p>Early January 2023</p>	<p>Follow up question on the \$2.5 million</p>	<p>Joe Stuyvesant</p>	<p>I approached port CEO Joe Stuyvesant to inquire about the alleged \$2.5 million investment opportunity I supposedly "missed out on." I specifically asked him if it was true that I failed to seize this opportunity, resulting in the loss of \$2.5 million. According to Joe Stuyvesant, he confirmed that this claim is false and that I did not miss out on any such investment opportunity. This highlights the defamatory nature of the chair attempting to mislead my city to hide or avoid corruption oversight.</p>

<p>January 10 2023</p>	<p>Public Retaliation/Humiliation/Undermining</p>	<p>Board of Port Commissioners  Port Staff  Members of the public</p>	<p>Rafa as chair deliberately relocated my seat to the farthest possible distance from his chair, symbolizing that I am deemed unworthy of my position. This action did not go unnoticed, as my colleagues and staff made note of it and even commented on it amongst themselves. However, no one had the courage to directly confront the chair. The actions spoke louder than words.</p>
<p>January 13 2023</p>	<p>Retaliation/ Control/Undermining: Public Communications with key stakeholders</p>	<p>Father Mills  Joe Stuyvesant  Job Nelson  Mike Lefleur  Chairman Castellanos</p>	<p>Chair Rafa instructs the port staff to interfere with my communications involving external stakeholders. Specifically, they instructed then CEO Joe Stuyvesant to intervene in my emails without obtaining my permission beforehand. This is yet another evidence of corruption, using false and hidden means to suppress transparency and accountability.</p>
<p>February 13 2023</p>	<p>Retaliation/ Control/Undermining: Austal Event</p>	<p>Joe Stuyvesant  National City Mayor Ron Morisson and Councilmember Rodriguez</p>	<p>Chair Rafa excludes me from speaking at the Austal event in my own city, and instead has then CEO Joe Stuyvesant take my place as the speaker. This is yet another obvious retaliation and part of an ongoing effort to undermine my position and reputation.</p>

<p>March 3 2023</p>	<p>Notification of "Respondent" from Janice Brown – Retaliatory Action as I was initially a claimant now a respondent.</p>	<p>Janice Brown  Office of General Counsel  Chair Rafael Castellanos</p>	<p>The grand jury summonses have raised the question of who is responsible, and it appears that both the Port Chair and Leadership staff are uncertain. They seem to be making assumptions that I may have gone to the Grand Jury with information regarding Nick Tonsich and Russell—the port's lack of transparency and accountability are simply obvious and I did not report that misconduct to the Grand Jury or engage in any Grand Jury communications. In an effort to conduct an "impartial investigation", Janice Brown's law firm was hired by third parties on December 13. However, it has come to light that Janice Brown failed to disclose her personal friendships and business connections with Chair Rafa and commissioner Danielle Moore. This hiring of outside counsel seems to be an attempt to shift the narrative from "claimant" to "respondent" and is simply more misdirection, retaliation, and bullying.</p>
<p>March 6 2023</p>	<p>Port of San Diego Tour for Imperial Beach Mayor/ California Coastal Commissioner Paloma Aguirre</p>	<p>Joe Stuyvesant  Mayor Paloma Aguirre</p>	<p>Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre graciously extended an invitation for me to attend the Port of San Diego Bay tour. However, despite my initial inquiry, the Port Commissioner Services Staff (Under former CEO Joe's leadership) informed me that there were "no available spots." Thankfully, Mayor Paloma personally intervened by contacting Joe Stuyvesant and advocating for my inclusion via text message. It was later revealed that there had been more than enough room for me to participate from the beginning. Unfortunately, as a form of retaliation, my requests to</p>

			partake in future Port of San Diego events have been consistently denied.
March 16 2023	Witness Statements on Defamation/Retaliation/Undermining	Robert "Bob" DeAngelis, Former CFO	Following the Audit Oversight Committee meeting in March, Bob De Angelis approached me and inquired about Chair Rafa obviously hostile behavior towards me. Bob observed that Chair Rafa treats me poorly, a treatment that Bob felt is evident not only to the staff but also to the public.

May 19 2023	Defamation/Retaliation/Undermining	Councilmember Ditas Yamane  Chairman Castellanos	Chair Rafa City of National City Councilmember Ditas Yamane scheduled a follow up meeting to discuss my performance as a Port Commissioner. Rafa continues to refer to defame me, referring to me as still a “problematic individual.” Rafa falsely claims that members of the port Audit Oversight Committee hold negative opinions about me and have made complaints—this is untrue. Additionally, Chair Rafa falsely re-asserts his earlier false claim from December 2022 that I was still responsible for missing out on a potential \$2.5 million opportunity for National City (confirmed false). Councilmember Yamane informed Rafa that this allegation is false. Rafa responded by saying that Port staff will continue to deliberately deny the truth on that issue to me and to members of public when questioned about it and only the “insiders” know the truth. In other words, this is not just an expression of an “opinion” but an intentional and admitted lie, to achieve protection of corruption. Chair Rafa repeated his request for my removal based on these false assertions Rafa presumed could not be disproved by outsiders.
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<p>Early Weeks of June 2023</p>	<p>Defamation and Retaliation: Asking Auditor Yielding and colleague Commissioner Mike Zucchet about the rumors of AOC</p>	<p>Auditor Mark Yielding  Commissioner Michael Zucchet</p>	<p>During two separate interactions, I took the initiative to ask port auditor Mark Yeilding and commissioner Michael Zucchet individually if they were aware of any complaints or issues concerning me from members of the AOC. Both individuals expressed their surprise at such information circulating and confirmed that they had no knowledge of any complaints or concerns relating to me. Additionally, they showed empathy towards me for having to deal with such unfounded information. This highlights the defamation, corruption, and gaslighting by Chair Rafa.</p>
<p>June 13 2023</p>	<p>Defamation and Retaliation</p>	<p>Scott Huth</p>	<p>Scott Huth, the Interim Deputy City Manager for National City, heard rumors about me being a “troublesome” port commissioner that appear circulated by Chair Rafa. In response, Scott sends me an email to offer his assistance in improving my public image. This demonstrates that the defamation against me persists, as it is further perpetuated by Chair Rafa. One wonders: did Rafa achieve internal support for chair by agreeing to engage in this retaliation? Is he acting on his own, or, is it possible that someone is directing him? And, finally, as licensed California attorneys, are Rafa and Tom in full compliance with their various duties? Is there now a duty for this to be reported?</p>

July 5, 2023,

Undermining, Retaliation and  
Misallocating of Monies

██████████, Port  
Staffer ██████████  
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Port Staffer ██████████ shares with me how he is concerned for the Port of San Diego because Executive Leadership has made statements to staff on removing controls and oversight of millions of dollars from port commissioners. Specifically ██████████ shares with me that the Equipment Outlay and Other Capital Projects went from \$4.5 million to \$68 million and leadership is hushing staff to not let commissioners know about details of the monies. ██████████ has witnessed how I have been undermined by port staff because of my vulnerabilities calls for non-corrupt transparency and accountability. ██████████ told me that port staff are afraid to speak out about unethical behavior because retaliation is real—of course I know this is true and am being made an example to the rest of the port. In addition to his concerns, ██████████ has informed me that ██████████ has already disclosed all information regarding unethical behavior and misconduct to ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████ at the Port of San Diego. ██████████ has taken the necessary steps to ensure that these issues are properly addressed and investigated.

This tells me that: a) port employees are suffering in a bullying and hostile environment that defeats any sense of well-being or integrity; b) I am being used as an example of what happens if misconduct is brought to light and spoken out loud; c) powerful forces are at work to suppress truth and they are willing to use

			<p>blatantly false allegations and dirty politics to protect themselves and their allies.</p>
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July 11 2023

Closed Session; Personnel  
Evaluation of CEO

Board of Port  
Commissioners

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As of August 2023, I believe Chair Rafa had a duty to report evidence of attorney misconduct to the California State Bar. He spent the last six months engaged in retaliation and cover-up, perhaps now that he has a licensure duty he might consider a dramatically different approach to the non-explained conduct of Tom Russell, and his.

**Re: Fw: Investigation Notice - Sandy Naranjo**

Brown, Janice <[jbrown@meyersnave.com](mailto:jbrown@meyersnave.com)>

Mon 3/6/2023 4:28 PM

To: Daniel Gilleon <[dan@gilleon.com](mailto:dan@gilleon.com)>

Cc: Sandy Naranjo <[snaranjo@portofsandiego.org](mailto:snaranjo@portofsandiego.org)>

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Thanks Dan. We haven't scheduled any dates yet. We will circle back once we get the dates set.  
Janice

**From:** "Daniel Gilleon" <[dan@gilleon.com](mailto:dan@gilleon.com)>

**Subject:** Fw: Investigation Notice - Sandy Naranjo

**Date:** 06 March 2023 15:46

**To:** "Brown, Janice" <[jbrown@meyersnave.com](mailto:jbrown@meyersnave.com)>

**Cc:** "[snaranjo@portofsandiego.org](mailto:snaranjo@portofsandiego.org)" <[snaranjo@portofsandiego.org](mailto:snaranjo@portofsandiego.org)>

[EXTERNAL E-MAIL]

Janice,

I represent Commissioner Naranjo for purposes of your investigation. She will provide you a statement but I will need to be present. However, I am not available until this Friday, between 9 am and 12 pm.

Dan Gilleon

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**From:** Brown, Janice <[jbrown@meyersnave.com](mailto:jbrown@meyersnave.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 3, 2023 12:57 PM

**To:** Sandy Naranjo <[snaranjo@portofsandiego.org](mailto:snaranjo@portofsandiego.org)>

**Cc:** Middleton, David <[dmiddleton@meyersnave.com](mailto:dmiddleton@meyersnave.com)>; Bates-Gray, Nerly <[nbates-gray@meyersnave.com](mailto:nbates-gray@meyersnave.com)>

**Subject:** Investigation Notice - Sandy Naranjo

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Dear Commissioner Naranjo,

The San Diego Unified Port District (District) has retained the Meyers Nave law firm to conduct an impartial confidential personnel investigation into concerns received by third parties relating to incidents that occurred

during a Board of Port Commissioners (Board) Closed Session on December 13, 2022, concerning the performance evaluation of General Counsel Thomas Russell, as well as concerns received from third parties regarding General Counsel Thomas Russell relating to legal and ethics advice provided to you regarding a District project in 2021.

This communication is to advise you that I and David M. Middleton, Esq., will be the attorney investigators. You are further advised that you have been identified as a person who may have witnessed or been a party to the alleged incident(s) that are the subject of this investigation. Accordingly, we will be required to take a statement from you.

I will be following up via a personal call to you on your cell phone on the morning of Monday, March 6, 2023. However, you may contact me earlier if you desire at the cell phone number below.

Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

**Janice P. Brown**

Principal

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**Re: Public Records Act Request Re: Emission Capture Control Technology**

Sandy Naranjo &lt;snaranjo@portofsandiego.org&gt;

Mon 11/7/2022 7:04 AM

To: Jodene Isaacs <jisaacs@rosefdn.org>; **Commissioner Services Staff**  
<Commissioner\_Services\_Staff@portofsandiego.org>

Hi Jodene

I included Port Commissioner Services staff  
To help connect you with the appropriate Port  
Staff that can assist you with your PRA.  
Please let me know if there's anything else to assist you with.

Sandy

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**From:** Jodene Isaacs <jisaacs@rosefdn.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 7, 2022 7:01:17 AM  
**To:** Sandy Naranjo <snaranjo@portofsandiego.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Records Act Request Re: Emission Capture Control Technology

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Hi Sandy,

I am checking in on my records request. I still have not received anything from my original 9/28 PRA request that asks for the bids below. I would be grateful if you could give me a status update.

Thanks,

Jodene

Jodene Isaacs (she/her) M.A., J.D.

*Mitigation Funds Director*

Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment

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**From:** Jodene Isaacs  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** snaranjo@portofsandiego.org  
**Subject:** Public Records Act Request Re: Emission Capture Control Technology

Hello Ms. Naranjo

I am writing on to request access to materials in the possession of the Port of San Diego Quality Control Board pursuant to rights granted under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) In particular, I would like to obtain the complete responses the Port's Request for Proposal (RFP) for a District

Emission Capture Control System. The RFP is attached for reference and the Port's website indicates it received bids from the following entities:

1. Advanced Environmental Group LLC
2. Clean Air Engineering- Maritime
3. Pasha Hawaii
4. STAX Engineering, Inc.

We hope to receive electronic copies of the above documents. Please let me know if you need any further clarification to process this request.

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jodene Isaacs

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Jodene Isaacs, (she/her) M.A., J.D.

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## Public Records Act Request Re: Emission Capture Control Technology - 7472

PublicRecords

Tue 11/8/2022 9:04 AM

To: Jodene Isaacs [REDACTED]

Cc: PublicRecords <publicrecords@portofsandiego.org>

Good morning Ms. Isaacs,

Our apologies for the delayed response. While the records you requested were easily identifiable, they then needed to be reviewed to determine whether they are releasable. Records are withheld pursuant to Government Code Sections 6253(c),(k), 6254.15 and 6255.

Again, we appreciate your patience during this process.

V/r,

### Sophia De Jesus

Deputy District Clerk/Records Manager, Office of the District Clerk

3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101

Office (619) 686-6400



connect: 

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## FW: Follow Up RE Balanced Capital Program and Pepper Park Funding

Scott Huth <shuth@nationalcityca.gov>

Tue 6/13/2023 7:57 AM

To:Sandy Naranjo <snaranjo@portofsandiego.org>

Cc:Armando Vergara <AVergara@nationalcityca.gov>

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Hi Sandy; Just checking in a couple of item:

I drafted a letter and Armando has approved it and it is waiting for the Mayor's review and signature. As soon as I get that I will send it to the Port and send you a copy.

I plan on attending the meeting and I am going to see if the Mayor also wants to attend.

I called Shaun and asked him about a number of budget items, please see his email below. In summary he is indicating that there is \$11.1 million being carried for the National City Balance Plan/Pepper Park. He also indicated that the budget is proposing to fund \$400,000 for the Free Ride Around National City (FRANC) from the MIIF fund.

Now that you have had some time to process our meeting yesterday I was wondering if you had any thoughts or questions. The City, Mayor and Council, Executive Managers and you are all going through a little image makeover with our Port partners. We have a lot of big things to work on with the Port. We appreciate all your efforts. Let me know if you need anything. Thank you Scott



### Scott Huth

#### Interim Deputy City Manager

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**From:** Shaun Sumner [mailto:ssumner@portofsandiego.org]

**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 6:18 PM

**To:** Scott Huth <shuth@nationalcityca.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Follow Up RE Balanced Capital Program and Pepper Park Funding

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Scott:

As a further clarification, there is an additional \$5 million committed on top of this to fund the Balanced Plan, some or all of which could be used for additional Pepper Park improvements. So the total we are

carrying for National City Balanced Plan / Pepper Park is \$11.1 million. I'll also reach out to you via mobile.

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**From:** Shaun Sumner  
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2023 5:27:02 PM  
**To:** Scott Huth <[shuth@nationalcityca.gov](mailto:shuth@nationalcityca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Follow Up RE Balanced Capital Program and Pepper Park Funding

Scott:

As a follow up, following is a link to the Balanced Capital Program adoption which replaced CIP:

- [San Diego Unified Port District - File #: 2022-0338 \(legistar.com\)](#)

Additionally, I confirmed the following funding for Pepper Park:

- \$6.1 million to fund improvements to the existing Pepper Park (not full buildout)
- Sourced from Stimulus Funding (\$3.85 M), Balanced Capital (\$2.00 M), and Austal (\$250K)

Please let me know what else I can provide.

**Shaun D. Sumner** (he/him/his)  
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10:29 AM

To Commissioner Services Staff, +1



Hi CSS

Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma requested to me attend today's scheduled Port of San Diego boat tour. Can I get that information added to my calendar? Happy to attend!

Sandy

New Message ↓



Margret Hernandez

mhernandez@portofsandiego.org



To: You snaranjo@portofsandiego.org

Cc: Joe Stuyvesant jstuyvesant@portofsandiego.org

Commissioner Services Staff Commissioner\_...

Gwynn Soebbing gsoebbing@portofsandiego....

Monday, March 6, 10:32 AM



Good morning Commissioner Naranjo,



Margret Hernandez

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Cc: Joe Stuyvesant jstuyvesant@portofsandiego.org

Commissioner Services Staff Commissioner\_...

Gwynn Soebbing gsoebbing@portofsandiego...

Monday, March 6, 10:32 AM



Good morning Commissioner Naranjo,

Regretfully, the HPD vessel is at capacity and unable to accommodate additional participants. This has been relayed to Mayor Aguirre's office as well.

Sincerely,

Margret





Joe

iMessage  
Today 11:23 AM

Hi Joe, it's the Mayor. I'm looking forward to today's tour. I'm sorry Dan won't be joining us but I hear Cmr Naranjo can't join due to capacity? I'd like us to make it work. Her perspective on EJ issues is very important to me.

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## Fw: Naranjo rec'd - Following up about tour of port

Sandy Naranjo <snaranjo@portofsandiego.org>

Fri 1/13/2023 2:39 PM

To: Commissioner Services Staff <Commissioner\_Services\_Staff@portofsandiego.org>

Hi CSS!

Can you please make sure to use my scheduling tool to help select a date that works best for everyone. Thank you!

Sandy

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**From:** Brad Mills, S J <BMillssj@olgsd.org>

**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 9:14 AM

**To:** Sandy Naranjo <snaranjo@portofsandiego.org>; Joe Stuyvesant <jstuyvesant@portofsandiego.org>

**Cc:** Job Nelson <jnelson@portofsandiego.org>; Michael LaFleur <mlafleur@portofsandiego.org>; Scott Santarosa, SJ <SSantarosasj@olgsd.org>; Vincent Blocker <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: Naranjo rec'd - Following up about tour of port

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Joe:

Thank you so much for your willingness to do help make this tour of the port possible! We are grateful for your willingness and your collaboration, as we discern, together with the community here in Barrio Logan, what is in the community's best interest. When it is convenient on your end, let us know.

Thank you sincerely,  
Brad

Fr. Brad Mills, SJ

Associate Pastor

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

1770 Kearney Ave, San Diego, CA 92113

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**From:** Sandy Naranjo <snaranjo@portofsandiego.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 7:14:28 PM

**To:** Joe Stuyvesant <jstuyvesant@portofsandiego.org>; Brad Mills, S J <BMillssj@olgsd.org>

**Cc:** Job Nelson <jnelson@portofsandiego.org>; Michael LaFleur <mlafleur@portofsandiego.org>

**Subject:** Re: Naranjo rec'd - Following up about tour of port

Hi Father Mills

Apologies for not getting back to you sooner but glad Joe responded and looking forward to getting this on the calendar.

See you soon!

Sandy

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**From:** Joe Stuyvesant <jstuyvesant@portofsandiego.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2023 6:23 PM

**To:** bmillssj@olgsd.org <bmillssj@olgsd.org>

**Cc:** Sandy Naranjo <snaranjo@portofsandiego.org>; Job Nelson <jnelson@portofsandiego.org>; Michael LaFleur <mlafleur@portofsandiego.org>

**Subject:** FW: Naranjo rec'd - Following up about tour of port

Hi Father Mills!

Thanks so much for reaching out to us. We are more than happy to set up a tour and a briefing about the Port with you and your colleagues. Our Chairman has also expressed an interest in potentially participating.

We will reach out directly and get something set up on the calendar. I look forward to meeting you in person and talking with you. We are very appreciative of your willingness to help facilitate communications with our very important community.

With respect,  
Joe

**Joe Stuyvesant**

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**From:** Margret Hernandez <mhernandez@portofsandiego.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6:55 PM

**To:** Joe Stuyvesant <jstuyvesant@portofsandiego.org>; Michael LaFleur <mlafleur@portofsandiego.org>; Michael Brown <mgbrown@portofsandiego.org>; Jason Giffen <jgiffen@portofsandiego.org>

**Cc:** Commissioner Services Staff <Commissioner\_Services\_Staff@portofsandiego.org>; Anthony Evangelista <aevangelista@portofsandiego.org>; Gwynn Soebbing <gsoebbing@portofsandiego.org>; March Villareal

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FYSA please see below.

**From:** Brad Mills, S J <[BMillssj@olgsd.org](mailto:BMillssj@olgsd.org)>

**Sent:** Saturday, January 7, 2023 1:16:08 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

**To:** Sandy Naranjo <[snaranjo@portofsandiego.org](mailto:snaranjo@portofsandiego.org)>

**Subject:** Following up about tour of port

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Hello Sandy:

It was great to see you the other night at the Sherman Heights Community Center. I found the documentary moving and impactful, and I appreciate being able to be part of this dialogue about the environmental health of Barrio Logan. I wanted to follow up with you, as you mentioned that it may be possible to do a tour of the port area. Our pastor (Fr. Scott), myself, and Vincent Blocker, who was present at the documentary with me, would appreciate that, as we continue to dialogue with the community, and understand the situation at the port in greater depth.

If this is still a possibility, let me know what days/times work for you.

Thank you sincerely!

Brad

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## Equipment Outlay and Other Capital Projects

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	BUDGET FY 2024
Maritime	PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT B STREET CST <sup>(1) (8)</sup>	1	61,100
Maritime	PORT VEHICLE - SUV FOR MARITIME	1	45,000
Maritime	ROLL UP DOOR AT CST SECTION C	1	60,000
Maritime	TRENCH PLATES	4	60,000
		<b>31</b>	<b>\$ 12,132,300</b>
Real Estate	SEAPORT VILLAGE TENANT IMPROVEMENTS <sup>(1)</sup>	1	\$ 1,800,000
		<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 1,800,000</b>
	CAPITALIZED LABOR		<b>\$ 1,200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>143</b>	<b>\$ 68,832,800</b>

**Notes:**

- <sup>(1)</sup> Other capital project
- <sup>(2)</sup> Partially grant funded
- <sup>(3)</sup> Fully grant funded
- <sup>(4)</sup> Partially funded by USS Midway Museum
- <sup>(5)</sup> Partially funded by SDG&E settlement
- <sup>(6)</sup> Partially funded by Pacifica and JPA
- <sup>(7)</sup> Fully funded by insurance reimbursement
- <sup>(8)</sup> Fully funded by FY 2023 Carryover
- <sup>(9)</sup> Partially funded by FY 2023 Carryover
- <sup>(10)</sup> Partially funded by Cruise Facility Improvement Fund
- <sup>(11)</sup> Fully funded by the Environmental Fund
- <sup>(12)</sup> Communications & Engagement
- <sup>(13)</sup> Guest Experiences - Park Greenscapes & Bayscapes
- <sup>(14)</sup> NEVP Phase 1 MOU, future funding when project becomes viable
- <sup>(15)</sup> Partially funded by Low Carbon Fuel Standard (CA Air Resources Board)
- <sup>(16)</sup> Fully funded by FY 2023 Surplus

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DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	QTY	BUDGET FY 2023
Maritime	6' X 20' YOKOHAMA FENDER & HARDWARE	4	\$ 88,000
Maritime	7' X 14' YOKOHAMA FENDER & HARDWARE	2	50,000
Maritime	B STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1,160,000
Maritime	CSS SUPER CELL FENDER 800	1	6,000
Maritime	CSS SUPER CELL FENDER 1000	1	10,000
Maritime	GOLF CART	2	20,000
Maritime	LED LIGHT FIXTURES	1	148,000
Maritime	ROCK PLATE	2	10,600
Maritime	ROLL UP DOOR	1	60,000
		<b>15</b>	<b>\$ 1,552,600</b>
Parks & Recreation	IB PIER WATER FOUNTAINS	1	\$ 20,000
		<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
Planning	CUBICLE BUILDOUT <sup>(1)</sup>	1	\$ 60,000
		<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 60,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>\$ 4,496,700</b>

**Notes:**

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<sup>(3)</sup> Fully grant funded