



July 29, 2020

President, Nury Martinez
Los Angeles City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

RE: Support of CF 20-147 Amending motion by Councilman Joe Buscaino

Dear President Martinez and members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted unanimously on July 16, 2020 to support Councilman Joe Buscaino's motion CF 20-0147 to amend the Council action of March 17, 2020 and AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Sanitation to resume Care+ Cleanups with the Special Cleaning Zone established around a Bridge Home shelters.

The Chambers has been a strong advocate of two homeless shelters in downtown San Pedro: A 110-bed Bridge Home located at 515 N. Beacon and a 40-bed LA County shelter located at 8th and Beacon, San Pedro. We have raised money and collected donations in support of both shelters, and we are working closely with shelter staff to continue ongoing assistance. We have also supported a navigation center in our community.

We are in strong support of the Councilman's amending motion because of the debris and tents that remain in the encampment as the residents begin to move into the shelters. We need the tools to clean-up the area and assist the residents and businesses that have been living with the encampment in their neighborhood.

We are sympathetic to the plight of the homeless that have lived on our streets especially during the current public health crisis. However, we have opened 140 beds within walking distance of our largest encampment and have accommodations for them to move into shelter so we can begin to clean and sanitize the area.

The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce urges you to vote in support of Councilman Buscaino's amending motion to allow CARE+ clean ups to continue for the health and safety of the entire community.

Sincerely,

Elise Swanson
President/CEO
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce