



# Harbor City Neighborhood Council

March 20, 2009

Tara O'Brien  
Public Affairs Director  
Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center  
25825 S. Vermont Avenue  
Harbor City, CA 90710

Re: Kaiser Building Projects

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

Thank you for your presentation to the Harbor City Neighborhood Council regarding the proposed construction projects at the Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center in Harbor City. At our May 20, 2009 Stakeholder Meeting a motion was passed supporting the project as presented. See below:

**Tom Houston**  
President

**Rick Schuler**  
Vice President

**Anto Nakkashian**  
Treasurer

**Sherri Bliss**  
Secretary

(Excerpt from Minutes of Meeting)

**Kaiser Building Projects:** Tara O'Brien introduced K.C. Fong, project director, who spoke before the HCNC last September. Mr. Fong gave a short update on the Kaiser construction projects and then introduced Tony Gale who gave a more detailed report on aspects of the project. The new parking structure is now under construction. Next Tuesday they will start driving piles for the structure, piles should be completed by June 15. They have come up with ways to mitigate some of the noise and speed up the process. Construction will begin at 8am and end at 5pm. In the last 6-7 months they have been refining the master plan to replace the old facility. A new 4 Story building will be built between the Lakeside and Parkview buildings. There are also future plans for a new hospital that will be 280,000 sq ft, 4 story, 140 bed and will contain state of the art technology. It was commented that Kaiser goes above and beyond what is required by city codes. They concentrate on making their projects "green" (environmentally friendly), examples include materials inside the building being used such as natural linoleum, no vinyl or PVC flooring (which require caustic upkeep materials), etc. They look for durable and reliable products that are still good for the environment. Also, they use no BOC Paint, utilize light sensors to save energy, landscaping irrigation that collects water that is then filtered and re-used, rocks and native plants that save water. The project will include a new cafeteria with an outdoor terrace. They have spent time with LADOT to plan the traffic flow. Stakeholders were polled and were very supportive of the project. **Grant Reed made a motion that the Harbor City Neighborhood Council support the project as presented. The motion was seconded by Anto Nakkashian. Olive Reed recused herself from voting. The remaining board members passed the motion with a vote of 8 yes, 0 no.**

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Kristina Smith, Administrative Asst to the HCNC  
For Tom Houston, President