

Harbor City Neighborhood Council

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Mayor Eric Garcetti 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilman Joe Buscaino Harbor District Office 638 S. Beacon Street, Suite 552 San Pedro, CA 90731

Gentlemen,

The Harbor City Neighborhood Council strongly upports the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council in its efforts to re-open the Harbor Division Jail in San Pedro and urges you to budget funds to re-open the Jail. The Harbor area has had a long history of having its own jail facility. The new \$40 million, 16,000 square foot jail was completed in April 2009, built to replace our aged existing facility, yet still remains unopened.

Harbor Division made 4962 arrests in 2013. Each arrest takes the arresting officer off our streets to travel to the 77th Street Division Regional Jail, with an average of 25-30 minutes drive time each direction. Processing averages 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 hours, for a total down time of anywhere from 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours. Over 17,000 man hours per year based on only one officer making the trip. This figure is conservative as many arrests include 2 officers taking the trip which would increase the amount of man hours.

We feel that these numbers speak to the need to re-visit new and creative ways to fund Harbor Division jail facility. Opening the facility will keep our officers on the streets and keep productivity of our officers at its finest.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Board

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