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Dear Mr Kinsey,

Greetings and salutations to you, as you have always had my attention and respect for fighting on behalf of the citizen owners of the California Waterline. This is a message of appeal for your help.

As Chairman of the La Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corp., in 1999 I offered a plan to recapture a large portion of the Waterline in the Port of Los Angeles for the true citizen owners. It was the 'help' from William Ahearn of the Coastal Conservancy in the year 2000, that really saved, and also gave life to my 'Bridge to the Breakwater Grande Promenade Plan'. A plan to create badly needed Primary Public Access on an 8 mile stretch along the West Channel of the Port of Los Angeles between the Vincent Thomas Bridge, and the Federal Breakwater. When all local officials turned their back on me, Mr Ahearn served and saved this rightful and vital Plan by funding a \$300k Public Study which gained unanimous civic approval and the Project was officially publicly born.

As you may know the Port of LA is the Wealthiest and Busiest Port in the Western Hemisphere, and is housed within the LA Harbor area, which is poorest and most economically challenged seaside on the West Coast - precisely because of the lack of 'People Destination' creating 'Public Access' and the Commercial blessings it engenders where ever it is properly created.

After a great beginning, with Mr Ahearn's help, and the guidance of an enlightened Mayor, James Hahn, the project has suffered greatly over the last 9 years. The Port will appropriate Billions to fund the growth of heavy Industry and offers a pittance for the Public Access and the necessary Infrastructure that fosters Commercial life. Only portions of this B to B G P plan have been built, while the Port selectively omits other long stretches and parts due to what they term 'political pressure'. As you know, Public Access cannot work its wonders unless the people are put 'first on the Waterline' and their path/promenade is 'continuous and unobstructed'.

I have been fighting many years, I, and the citizens of this City and State need your help to straighten out this matter once and for all. And so that our Historic Seaside can become an Urban Waterfront Mecca for 'all' that culturally, educationally, and commercially enriches citizen's lives. I and a Realtor named Freddie DiBernardo have founded a Non-Profit group Called LOS ANGELES WATERFRONT ACCESS and REDEVELOPMENT COALITION - LAWARC. We need your help

The Port is trying to further limit its responsibilities by severely limiting how much it will spend to do any 'Public Access'. There will be a conclusive Public meetings which will be held later this month, I believe on the 22nd, and the 27th. These meetings are titled, 'Public Access Spending Policy' meetings. The 27th would be the meeting in San Pedro that we hope you can weigh in on. We need to counter balance the secular and self-serving 'Politics of Poverty' that dominates the Harbor area of LA.

Could you please call me, my cell is 310 971 7870, hm is 310 547 5250 ? And I will further explain.

I've written many Editorials regarding this matter , TIME TO OPEN LA'S DOOR TO THE SEA, PATH TO PROSPERITY, and, WAIT FOR THE CANDIDATE WHO WILL BUILD A NEW WATERFRONT, are some which will give you more back round. All of the local and many State leaders are aware of my profile with this project.

Many Thanks, hope to hear from you and fight beside you for the future, and for what a Waterfront can and should mean to 'all'...

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