

**Public Comments Not Uploaded Opposition to Walker's Cafe Being Designated as a Historical Monument**

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My name is Priscilla Robinson, owner of the property next door to Walker's Cafe. (690 West Paseo Del Mar). I grew up in San Pedro and graduated with the Class of Winter 1969. I remember growing up and having great times at my Uncle's house ([690 West Paseo Del Mar](#)), which I inherited in 1998. Walker's Cafe was a place to get Hamburgers, Fries and Shakes. However, with the liquor license in place it became a place where more people came to buy beer. People became drunk, loud and disorderly. Walker's Café no longer was a café but a bar that catered to bikers, such as the Hell's Angels and other biker gangs. They would come into our town and literally take over the whole street. They got drunk, threw their empty beer bottles unto my uncle's property. The yard at Walker's Café became a junk yard filled with junk both in the yard and alley. People complained and the city did nothing about it. As Richard's, the owner's health declined, many local people took over the bar and operated it taking advantage of the owner. The whole place became a dump both on the property as well as in the alley. I included picture of the past and Walker's Cafe stop existing when the customers were bikers and transients (Attachment pictures #1, #2, & #3)

I am opposed to Walker's Cafe being restored as a Historical Monument. It has been known as a Biker's Bar not a cafe for the last 25 years. This idea of making this a historical monument is as bad as making the Sunken City a Historical Monument.

My understanding is that once Walker's Café was sold the new owner could develop the property for residential housing and that the liquor license would not be renewed. Liquor is not allowed in any of the Los Angeles City Parks or Los Angeles County Parks. I do not want to see a repeat of history!

San Pedro has a population of over 80,000 people. This Historical Committee has taken it upon themselves to circulate a petition to make Walkers a Historical Monument. Did this committee get input from the local residents who live next or around Walker's Café if they wish that it be designated as a Historical Monument. No notices of any meetings were given to any of the local residence which would have given them an opportunity to speak. I found out from my Realtor and contacted Melissa Jones who gave me the link to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee via on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. I followed their instructions I could hear them, but they never called on me to speak. I am therefore, writing my response and requesting that a copy of my email be sent to every member of the committee.

Our properties are zoned for R1. Nor apartments or restaurants can be built on land designated as R1. The liquor license expired with the sale of Walker's Cafe which is not renewable. Selling alcohol near a park has always created problems in the past. It also attracts individuals that we don't want coming into our neighborhoods as well as the park, where there are families and children as well as elderly people coming to enjoy the beauty of the park and coastline. My husband, Thomas Robinson, Former City Manager of La Mirada and myself, Priscilla Robinson high school teacher and owners of property at [690 W Paseo Del Mar, San Pedro](#), both oppose this proposal to make Walker's Cafe a Historical Monument. If they want it to be a historical monument, then move Walkers to a museum site or place the memorabilia in a museum. Don't hold our properties hostage to looking at a dump which doesn't beautify our coastline!

Many people who signed this petition do not represent the majority of the 80,000 people in San Pedro. Many people in this surrounding community want Walker's demolished and replaced with single family dwelling. We want more attention paid to our coastline. Cleaning up and removing all of the graffiti concrete at the sunken city and designating no parking at the park and the residential curbs opposite the park between the hours of 8pm-8:00 am in the morning. There are people sleeping in their cars everynight. We want trash cans across the street from the park on the city's walkways on Paseo Del Mar so that people can put their trash in these containers instead of throwing trash in front of the walkways of residents and throwing trash into the resident's yard because there are no trash can's on the other side of the park where people park. Would like to see some landscape put at the triangle where the black anchors are located. Make the Bluff Coastline beautiful!

I respectfully submit for your reconsideration!

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**3 attachments**

 **Walker's Biker's Bar Pictures #1.docx**  
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 **Walker's Biker Bar Pictures #2.docx**  
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 **Walker's Biker Bar Pictures #3.docx**  
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