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The Honorable Government Operations Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support for Agenda Item 12 - Council File #26-0084

Dear Chair Padilla and Members of the Government Operations Committee:

As the Representative of California's 44th Congressional District, which includes San Pedro, I strongly support Agenda Item 12, introduced by Councilmember Tim McOsker. This item seeks to advance a no-cost lease agreement between the United States Navy and the City of Los Angeles for the ballfields and shooting range located at 2981 North Gaffey Street and the ballfields located at 3181 Gaffey North Gaffey Street at the Navy's Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) San Pedro, while the two parties work toward a property conveyance agreement. I urge the Los Angeles City Council Government Operations Committee to approve this item.

For nearly fifty years, the San Pedro Girls Softball Association (SPGSA) and San Pedro Athletic Complex (SPAC) have maintained and operated these ballfields, through license agreements with the U.S. Navy, to deliver affordable outdoor recreation and athletic programs to thousands of youth across multiple generations. Similarly, the Los Angeles Police Department has an agreement with the Navy to utilize the shooting range, which serves as a critical training asset to the Department, especially the Harbor Division.

In June of 2020, the Secretary of Defense issued a memo stating that the Department of Defense (DoD) would no longer provide non-reimbursable support to non-DoD entities. As a result, the Navy informed SPGSA and SPAC that it would dramatically increase the user fees, effectively pricing out the organizations and community from using the ballfields. I immediately began to work on this issue, and in 2021 then U.S. Navy Secretary Carlos del Toro worked with my office to provide temporary relief by preventing the dramatic fee increase from going into effect. However, the concern remains that either the current or a future administration may implement the increased fees which our communities would not be able to afford.

On December 23, 2024, H.R. 5009, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, was signed into law. The bill includes specific language I introduced to authorize the conveyance of the ballfields and shooting range at

DFSP San Pedro from the Navy to the City of Los Angeles. This language was introduced to protect community and LAPD access to these essential facilities for years to come and not be left to the discretion of the DoD. The bill also includes a provision that allows the Navy and City of Los Angeles to enter into a no-cost lease agreement for up to three years while the two parties work toward a conveyance agreement.

I support for Agenda Item 12, the motion introduced by Councilmember McOsker that directs the appropriate City of Los Angeles offices and departments to take multiple steps toward executing a no-cost lease agreement with the Navy and starting the conveyance process. I urge the Government Operations Committee to approve the item at their next meeting. Thank you for your partnership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Nanette Barragán
Member of Congress