

Communication from Public

Name: San Pedro Chamber of Commerce

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Comments for Public Posting: RE: Walker's Café Restoration Project 700 W. Paseo del Mar, San Pedro CA 90731 Case No. ZA-2023-7218-ZV-CDP-MEL-HCA Dear Councilmembers, On behalf of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to respectfully ask that you deny the appeal filed against Walker's Café and uphold the City Planning approval for the project. It is time to move this project forward. The continuation of Walker's Café's commercial restaurant use, including the return of outdoor dining and on-sale alcohol service, will enhance the visitor experience at Point Fermin and serve as a meaningful economic driver for local businesses and the broader San Pedro community. Walker's Café has long been a cherished gathering place and an enduring symbol of our maritime and coastal heritage. Its revitalization will restore the site's vibrancy and reestablish it as a welcoming destination for residents and visitors alike. The Chamber supports the approved project because we believe it provides the most realistic path to restoring Walker's Café and keeping it open for years to come. Restoring a historic building is expensive. Operating a small neighborhood café requires creativity and flexibility. The approved project recognizes that reality by combining the restoration of Walker's Café with a thoughtfully designed single-family home and ADU located behind the historic building. This creates a financially sustainable plan that helps make the restoration possible while preserving the café as the centerpiece of the property. Over the past several years, the current owners have worked closely with us to incorporate our comments, make meaningful revisions. They demonstrated a genuine willingness to compromise throughout the approval process. After years of review, public hearings, revisions, and professional analysis, we believe the approved project strikes an appropriate balance between historic preservation, neighborhood compatibility, and long-term economic sustainability. For these reasons, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce respectfully asks that you deny the appeal and allow the approved Walker's Café project to move forward. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Elise Swanson President/CEO San Pedro Chamber of Commerce



August 21, 2025

Planning and Land Use Committee Members (PLUM)
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elise Swanson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elise Swanson
President/CEO
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