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**THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES AGREES: SAN PEDRO
MEMORIALS WILL REMAIN IN PRESENT LOCATIONS**



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SAN PEDRO, CA – The Port of Los Angeles has announced that the memorials within John S. Gibson Park -- the San Pedro American Merchant Marine Veterans Memorial, Fishing Industry Memorial, and the USS LA Naval memorial -- will remain in their current locations as part of the development plan for the new San Pedro Waterfront and Promenade.

In March 2004, at public presentations of the San Pedro Waterfront and Promenade Draft Plan, the design team of Ehrenkrantz, Eckstut & Kuhn/Gafcon, Inc. (EEK/Gafcon) presented the idea of creating contemplative focal points along the promenade by relocating the memorials. After hearing the community express serious reservations, the EEK/Gafcon team was asked to revisit the design premise for relocating the memorials and look at alternatives. It was concluded that relocating the memorials is not necessary.

“Keeping the memorials right where they are will work out just fine. After all, we have 7-1/2 miles of waterfront in which to create many different experiences and special places,” commented Stacey Jones, Director of Engineering Development, Port of Los Angeles.

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JOHN S. GIBSON PARK MEMORIALS

Plans for a range of experiences along the San Pedro Waterfront and Promenade are currently being developed, including places to dine and shop within view of the working harbor; places for children to play in a park-like setting; and quiet, peaceful places along the new Promenade where people can view the ocean surrounded by landscaping and art.

In July 2004, the public will have opportunities to review the plans and offer their comments. Open Houses will be held on various dates and locations in San Pedro. The same information will be presented at each open house so community members may attend the meeting that best fits their schedule. The following are the Open House dates and times (locations to be announced):

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| 1) Saturday July 10
10 am – 2 pm
Open House | 3) Sunday, July 18
12 am – 4 pm
Open House |
| 2) Thursday July 15
4 pm - 8 pm
Open House | 4) Sunday, July 25
12 pm – 4 pm
Open House |

For more information, please call EE&K/Gafcon at (310) 732-3567.

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