



PROPOSAL TO SAVE OVERNIGHT RV and BOATING AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF

Fisherman's Wharf in the Channel Islands Harbor is a beautiful location for camping, and the only public boat launch in the area. RV'ers willingly pay \$45 per night to park, with **no** amenities in order to enjoy access to the harbor and public beaches. Boaters park trailers overnight in this location as well.

The proposal by the Harbor Dept. and Channel Islands Harbor Properties LLC was approved by the VC Board of Supervisors and has been submitted to the California Coastal Commission for approval. The gated 390 unit complex that will make access to public land **impossible** for RVs, boat trailers and other vehicles by reducing the space available for parking, **DENYING PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC LAND**.

We request that the County Board of Supervisors revisit the decision to build the 55 foot tall, high-density apartments and increase **PUBLIC AMENITIES** for RV's and boaters on the **PUBLIC LAND**. This land was donated to the County for the **recreational use by the PUBLIC, not for Private Profit**.

We appeal to the California Coastal Commission to uphold the California Coastal Act of 1976, and your mission of "*protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations...*"

WHY NEEDED?

- Within 60 miles north and south of FW, there are only 5 RV parks (635 sites) with full hook ups, and 4 parks with no hookups
- Loss of McGrath State Beach (172 sites)
- FW parking lot is full on 4th of July and utilized **every weekend** of summer, with NO hookups, NO amenities and NO marketing
- An excellent location/destination away from freeway, with harbor access, close to family beaches

WHAT AMENITIES/SERVICES WOULD SERVE VISITORS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY?

- Family type restaurants (like Toppers Pizza- extremely successful)
- Small grocery/deli
- Novelty stores/shops
- Community theatre (ELITE already there)
- Cafes - coffee, ice cream, donuts (already there)
- Water taxi to take Visitors to other restaurants in harbor
- Kayak, bike, small boat rentals, surreys and segways
- **Island Packers** excursions to islands or whale watching - "The Gateway to the Channel Islands National Park"
- Shuttle to beaches - Hollywood, Silver Strand, Kiddie Beach
- Picnic areas, public restrooms
- A Destination Themed restaurant (e.g. Aquarium)
- Educational Sea Center (already there- Oxnard College) for families to enjoy