

TO THE HONORABLE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.

The undersigned, acting as official representatives of the San Diego Civic Association, and in their own behalf, respectfully memorialize your honorable body as follows, to-wit:

The San Diego Civic Association is a body of citizens, 524 in number, associated for the purpose of promoting, as best they may, the well being of our municipal life.

In the vital questions, relating to the acquisition of municipal control of the Harbor frontage, now made possible under conditions imposed by the State of California, your memorialists have taken the deepest interest. Notwithstanding the misleading representations appearing in the public press or disseminated by perverse rumor, we have at all times raised our voice in favor of complying fully and effectively with the conditions imposed by the State.

These conditions, briefly stated, are: The appropriation by the municipality of One Million Dollars-(to be secured through the issue of city bonds) for the creation of commercial piers or wharves, as contemplated and set forth in the Legislative Act of May 1st, 1911.

In the particulars so far stated there has been perfect unison between our ideas and aims, and those of the general body of our people as the latter have been interpreted or understood.

This fact we desire to emphasize: Desiring as we do, that in the creation of commercial wharves the present and future interests of the City shall be conserved and advanced on all lines, we have deprecated, and still deprecate, the action of your honorable body, which by virtue of your Ordinance No.4539,

proposing the issue of bonds, irrevocably fixes the foot of "D" street as the location for the proposed commercial pier.

Convinced of the great importance of the question of location we have through our committees and otherwise sought for information bearing upon this important point. The information so gathered has without heat, passion or prejudice been placed before our members and other citizens in the form of a bulletin in four parts, copies of which we beg to file with this memorial.

The statements therein to be found and the suggestions therein contained need not be repeated here further than to say they advocate the establishment of the commercial piers South of "D" Street and the development of the waterfront at the foot of "D" Street and North along the lines suggested by John Nolan.

The conclusion reached by us and which now animates us is, that the bond ordinance should be so amended as to dissociate any definite location from the bond vote. With high confidence in the judgment and pure purposes of your honorable body we and all of us know, that in undertakings like the one in question, a large liberty should attach to that body upon whom the duty and responsibility of the undertaking must rest. The unforeseen may at any time appear to baffle or defeat any projected enterprise, in which the conditions of nature are not in advance fully comprehended.

The amendment to the ordinance for which we plead has for its effect a larger liberty to your action, as time may develop the need for its exercise. This we believe the people desire you to enjoy and it would not seem that the possession of it should be resisted by you. The sentiment of the people in this regard cannot be absolutely determined, but

we submit to you for what it may be worth, that in an effort to obtain formal expression of our members, more than 70 per cent of those giving expression to their opinions put themselves on record with us as favoring the amendment of the ordinance as proposed herein.

Having thus presented our views and conclusions, we leave as we must the question in your hands.

Should you see your way to amend the ordinance as recommended herein, we believe your action would be commended and approved by our people generally. If however, you reject this appeal or neglect to act upon it, we shall put aside our predilections and opinions and leave the responsibility where it properly belongs, with you.

Nor shall we oppose by any action, or personal influence, an affirmative vote on the ordinance as it now stands.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

Nov. 7, 1911.

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