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The Honorable Charles C. Dail  
Mayor of San Diego

My Dear Mayor Dail:

We respectfully ask that a postponement be granted on the hearing for final passage, that portion of Sections 63.20.6 and 63.20.8, relating to bathing, swimming and surf-boarding areas, which was presented to the Council on February 23, 1961, as Item 17 on the agenda.

We realize this has been a continuing problem for your Council, as you are interested in settling it for the best interest of all concerned. The answer to this problem will require much more than just moving the area of surf-boarding from one location to another location; all of which City Aquatics Chief, Mr. Don Vynne and Lt. Neil Moyer, City Life guard Chief, are both well aware, pertaining to this matter.

Both of these men have told us that the answer to this problem is not moving this area from Law Street district to the area of Felspar and Diamond Streets, for the following reasons:

1. When first asked to establish the best surf-boarding areas, Lt. John Kole picked the Law Street Area; due to ideal conditions for this particular phase of ocean sports, with which your present life-guard Lt. Neil Moyer is well acquainted.
2. During the Council meeting of Tuesday, December 13, 1960, Lt. Moyer stated the existing surfing areas (Law Street Area included) would never be open to swimmers. He told those present that rip tides in those areas so essential to surfers, made it unsafe for swimming. He said if this area was opened to swimming, life-guards would close it for being unsafe. (Quoted in the Pacific Beach Sentinel, December 15, 1960).

Also, Mr. Vynne and Lt. Moyer are not in favor of the Diamond and Felspar Streets areas because:

1. There is a danger that surf-boarders can be thrown against the pilings of Crystal Pier and can be seriously hurt.
2. The area between Felspar and Diamond Streets has always been a favorite



swimming beach for swimmers in the Pacific Beach Area. The ratio of swimmers to surf-boarders is by far greater in favor of the swimmers. Moving the swimming from this area will cause much dissatisfaction among the many swimmers that continually have used this area for swimming.

3. Mr. Don Vynne and Lt. Moyer are well acquainted with the problem and are probably in the best position to make a decision as to where these areas should be established. Both men are working hard to establish Surf-board Clubs to improve the conduct of these youngsters and establish a sound sport that will be controlled by the Life Guard Service to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.

They have four (4) clubs at present that they are in the process of establishing; one of which is in the Law Street Area, sponsored by the Optimists' Club.

4. Within the Felspar-Diamond Streets Area, are twelve motel and apartment businesses, which are also directly concerned with this decision, being listed as follows:

1. Patti's Pacific Motel, 610 Diamond Street
2. Pacific View Motel, 610 Emerald Street (Pacific HomesCorp)
3. Costal Motel (N/W corner, Mission Blvd. & Diamond St.)
4. D & D Motel, 722 Diamond Street
5. Diamond Apartments, 714 Diamond Street
6. Fallico Apartments, 702 Diamond Street
7. Apartments, 632 Diamond Street
8. Ocean Park Lodge, 605 Diamond Street
9. Surf & Sands Motel, (S/W corner of Mission & Diamond St.)
10. Sea-Shore Apartments, 4633 Ocean Blvd.
11. Apartments, 737 Emerald Street
12. Apartments, 728 Emerald Street

Swimming is the main attraction for tenants of these motels and apartments, which bring new business into the Pacific Beach Area. The existence of this main beach being only that of surf-boarding will materially hurt all of these motels and apartments.

When the owners of these units purchased their property and business establishments, they did so because they were close to the beach area, where their tenants could enjoy swimming and sun-bathing, which is a vital part of their advertising.



In view of the above mentioned information; we are respectfully asking that a postponement be rendered for a decision on this problem, pending a study for a better answer to the question of placing this surf-boarding area.

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Wanda C. Minton 610 Emerald St. HU 8-0277  
Frankie Leo Field 605 Diamond HU 81777  
E.E. Wimmer 4702 Mission Blvd HU 8-7677  
R.K. Leonard 4666 Mission Blvd. HU-8-5513  
Dominick Sodo 728 DIAMOND ST. HU-8-0705  
S.W. Carter. 720 1/2 DIAMOND ST. HU-8-4410  
John Patti 713 Diamond St. HU 88652  
George M. Talley 708 Diamond St. HU-8-3681  
H. Powell 4740 Mission Blvd HU 8-3888  
Billie M. Hill 4751 Mission Blvd HU 8-5590  
Norma 4773 Mission HU 8-0093  
Dorothy Beach Traveling L. Cairns 460 Mission HU 8-0548  
Mrs. W.C. Weller 633 Mission  
Mrs. V. L. Jager 4735 River Blvd HU 8-2226  
Crystal Peer Motel - Helen L. Parison  
Occasio. Mining Grant L.H. Eff. HU 84457  
Thomas Horvath 4406 Ocean Blvd  
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