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San Diego Council of Diving Clubs

INC.

April 23, 1961

San Diego City Clerk
Civic Center
1600 Pacific Hiway
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

The San Diego Council of Diving Clubs agrees that practices of poor citizenship by members of a sporting group cannot be tolerated. Guilty parties must be dealt with by the group itself as well as by the proper authorities.

The council opposes the proposed closure of Sungold Point to surfers on two counts:

- I. Surfers, skindivers and many others--to be brief, the general public--were using this ocean access, which is a dedicated street, long before anyone thought of building houses there. These property owners now have no right to deny the general public what is historically and legally theirs. The surfers are merely the whipping boys in this case. It is the public that is being contested.
- II. Three years ago, the civic, educational, religious, business and military leaders of San Diego held a conference on youth fitness. Dr. Shane McCarthy, who was former President Eisenhower's appointee in charge of the youth fitness program for our nation, was the key speaker. Everyone was deeply concerned that our youth do not exercise adequately and are not physically fit when measured against the youth of other nations.

Dr. McCarthy urged that San Diego lead the nation back to a condition of fitness by utilizing our one great natural asset, the ocean. He stressed encouraging our youth to engage in more and more aquatic sports.

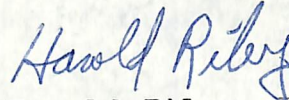
Three years ago, San Diego welcomed Dr. McCarthy and his suggestions with open arms. WE WOULD DO THESE THINGS-----we said----. Today we are debating, not how we can get the youth to use the ocean, but rather, how we can deny them access to it!!!!

We are encouraged that our City Council now recognizes the need for additional ocean access areas with parking facilities. We emphasize the word ADDITIONAL. If we are to fulfill our pledge to Dr. McCarthy, we cannot trade certain access areas for dreamed of, but not yet financed, new ones. We must preserve the few remaining accesses and develop more.

The San Diego Council of Diving Clubs BITTERLY opposes this ordinance.

Very truly yours,

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