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The following resolution was passed by the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board at the September 20, 2021 Meeting:

Resolution Re: Neighborhood Council Representative Speaking Time at Los Angeles City Planning Commission Meetings

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Councils, which are branches of Los Angeles City government, are intended by the Los Angeles City Charter to promote citizen participation in government and to make government more responsive to local needs;

WHEREAS, the current rules of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission allow Neighborhood Council representatives to speak at Commission meetings for only three minutes on an agenda item in their communities;

WHEREAS, by contrast, project advocates are allowed to set their own time limit to speak before the Planning Commission on an agenda item, and City Council representatives are allowed unlimited time, thus creating an imbalance between presenting the views of developers, the views of the Council Office, and the views of the Neighborhood Councils;

WHEREAS, at its September 9, 2021 meeting, the Planning Commission strictly enforced the three-minute time-limit for Neighborhood Council representatives, but allowed project representatives extensions of time beyond their requested speaking times and the City Council representative unlimited time; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Karen Mack noted the disparity in speaking times, and proposed that the Commission revisit its rules to remedy this inequity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests the Los Angeles City Planning Commission amend its rules to extend the time limit allowed for the relevant Neighborhood Council representative to speak on a project, and to allow the chair discretion to grant the Neighborhood Council representative a reasonable extension of time to speak as appropriate.

Please contact Greg Ellis, CSPNC Planning Committee at gregellis2@gmail.com should you have any questions related to this letter and resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Epperhart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Doug Epperhart, President
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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