

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Joe Phares [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2024 8:09 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Municipal Service Review (Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District)

Thank you for your presentation tonight at the Oceanside Harbor & Beaches Advisory Committee meeting.

It was a pleasure meeting you.

As a renter of [REDACTED] for 39 years (since 1985), I have sadly watched control of all things harbor related being taken over, to the harbor's detriment, by the city of Oceanside. The result has been the harbor

is charged far more based on budgeted numbers set by the city for far less services. It started in 1995 when

the harbor gave up its independent status without input (that I can remember) from slip renters. At about that

time, the independent harbormaster was changed to a harbor manager (reporting to the city's parks and recreation

department) and all finances transferred to the city (losing all transparency). Then in 2009, when the harbor

patrol was disbanded and those funds transferred to the Oceanside Police Department (with no boatmen or

harbor patrol experience) we lost adequate water safety. After 12 years of failure by OPD, funds have now

been increased and transferred to the Oceanside Fire Department/LifeGuards. With the loss of a dedicated

harbor patrol we also lost adequate law enforcement and any enforcement of the long established "blue book"

of rules and regulations in the harbor.

The problem, I believe, is the total lack of independence of the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District (as originally established) from the Oceanside City Council. This has resulted in a total lack of establishing reserves for required maintenance and capital expenditures resulting in massive deferred maintenance. Decisions are made by the city for the city's best interest and not the stakeholders in the harbor.

As an example, the decision was made regarding fire safety on the new J-dock for a less expensive standing pipe fire system (versus the charged system on the rest of the docks) that will drastically extend the time required to fight a fire to save some of the most expensive vessels in the harbor.

This lack of independence has left the stakeholders (slip renters) with no inputs in how the harbor is operated.

I am hopeful that your recommendations will result in efforts to re-establish OSCHD as an independently operated entity allowing the stakeholders a real input into the harbor operations and giving us back transparency and the "Jewel of North San Diego County"..

Sincerely

Joe D. Phares  
[REDACTED]

**Peters, Michaela A**

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**From:** Bryan Waggoner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 7:41 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Urgent Request for the Return of Harbor Police

Dear Michaela,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the ongoing safety issues at Oceanside Harbor. As a long-time slip renter here, I have always valued the sense of community and security that our harbor once provided. However, recent events have made it clear that things have drastically changed, and not for the better.

Just recently, my son was assaulted in one of the private restrooms. The suspect forcibly pushed his way into the restroom before attacking him. Thankfully, the suspect was apprehended and arrested, but this incident is just one example of the lawlessness that has taken hold in our harbor.

This is not an isolated event. I myself was assaulted here in the past, and it is becoming increasingly clear that without the presence of our own private harbor police, these kinds of incidents will only continue. The situation has become truly atrocious, and it is unacceptable that we, as residents and renters, are left to fend for ourselves in what should be a safe and secure environment.

I strongly urge you to take immediate action to address this situation. The return of our harbor police is not just a matter of convenience; it is a necessity for the safety and well-being of everyone in this community.

Please do not let this situation continue to escalate. We need your support to bring back the security and peace of mind that Oceanside Harbor used to offer.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,  
Bryan Waggoner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** GINNY HERDER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 12:25 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Harbor patrol

I own a condo at Marina Del Mar in Oceanside that we are having a lot of trouble with homeless and gangs. We need to get back our Harbor patrol as we had for many years and had a lot less problems break-ins people jumping the fence please after all the money that we give the city we should be able to have security from the harbor patrol we pay them 4% on all our rentals. We pay them a large lease agreement. Every time something is sold here they receive money every time permit to remodel they receive money. It'd be nice to have them start giving us some security for our money.

Regards, Ginny Boyer, president of Marina Del Mar Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Karen Kunze [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 1:04 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Oceanside harbor

Thank you so much. Our condos are next to the boat launch and in front of the huts. Always something going on . We have homeless people trying to get in the units etc etc  
Warm Regards, Karen Kunze Owner/Broker.

[REDACTED]

On Aug 20, 2024, at 9:52 AM, Peters, Michaela A <Michaela.Peters@sdcounty.ca.gov> wrote:

Hi Karen,

Thank you for your comment. It will certainly be considered in the final draft of the Municipal Service Review.

Michaela

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**From:** Karen Kunze <karenyourrealtor@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2024 9:14 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A <Michaela.Peters@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside harbor

As a property owner in Marina Del Mar [REDACTED] I am very concerned with the safety decline since canceling the harbor patrol. Maybe it could be resurrected and include the pier .

Warm Regards, Karen Kunze Owner/Broker.

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## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Lori Fisher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 1:06 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor Security

Dear Ms. Peters

I am a homeowner in the harbor and a boat owner. As you probably know Oceanside Harbor collects a "boatload" of fees from many entities. They collect land lease fees, slip renters fees, 4% rental fees from every rental property and 2% commission fees on every condo/home that is sold. These are just some of the amounts collected.

We as homeowners and slip renters have no representation of where our money is being spent.

We know for a fact that it is not being spent to provide protection for our community.

Oceanside PD does not patrol the harbor. They come only when 911 is called after an incident has occurred.

When Harbor Patrol was present our community felt safe and problems that we have recently experienced were not the norm. If Harbor Patrol is not likely to be reinstated then Oceanside PD needs to step up and fill the void. If officers patrolled the harbor a couple of times at night incidents in the harbor like the one that occurred on 8/17/24 could have been prevented.

Please let everyone at LAFCO know that this matter is urgent.

Thank you,

Dolores Fisher (Lori)

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## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** ELIZABETH ROLLMAN [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 7:08 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Fwd: Harbor patrol

### **Subject: Harbor patrol**

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Regards,

Elizabeth Rollman

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Mark Mallaby [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 22, 2024 12:34 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] LAFCO Oceanside Harbor recommendations.

Good morning Michaela

Thanks for your presentation on the 19th, it was enlightening.

In regard to the LAFCO recommendations I have the following comments and suggestions.

Recommendation 6 and 9 appear like they could be rolled into recommendation 10 as a part of an ongoing MoU.

Recommendation 11 should be enacted as the harbor no longer has an independent police presence as such is unreasonably exposed.

My thoughts regarding the "status" of the harbor as a dependent or independent district are as follows.

- As a dependent sub-agency, harbor employees enjoy city of Oceanside benefits that may not be available to them if the harbor were an independent district. This could make hiring of quality individuals and retention of current employees problematic.
- When the harbor was incorporated into the city in 2009 the harbor had cash reserves of around \$5 Million dollars for future large capital expenses such as dock replacement. This cash reserve was rolled into the city budget and simply evaporated largely because the new "harbor district" now included all city beach properties, this was a cash grab by the city. The situation of the condition of the harbor repairs (up to \$28 million in deferred repairs) is accountable to poor planning and understanding of marine environment maintenance costs by the SCHED board. As such the burden of this poor planning is now carried by the slip renters in the form of significant slip rent increases in 2024. To that, In 2022 the HBAC formed an Ad Hoc committee that included representatives from the city, The Brady Corporation and HBAC members to define how the deferred harbor repair would be enacted. Based on the "absorbed" \$5 Million from the long term harbor accounts and the obvious inability of the city to manage harbor maintenance funding, the Ad Hoc committee recommended separate accounting ledgers for the funds raised by the slip rental increases. Keep in mind the city representatives on the Ad Hoc committee agreed to and supported this proposal as part of the recommendation to the combined SCHED board and city council. In council meetings the SCHED reneged on its commitment and the funds were rolled into the general budget with a "promise" that they would be spent only on Brady project repairs. Given the SCHED and city councils past inability to manage the harbor, members of the HBAC do not think the combined SCHED/City Council have the ability or motivation to act in the best interests of the slip renters. There is simply too much internal conflict of interest involved for the city council to serve as the SCHED board.
- In the light of the recent pier fire, it's not unreasonable for the SCHED/city council to roll pier repairs into the harbor sector and bill the slip renters accordingly. There is no mechanism to stop this type of action currently.

- The slip renters feel abused by the city. Comments from city management such as "they own boats, they are rich" do not help and give vindication of our feelings that the city management do not have the harbor's best interest in mind.
- Given the above narrative, I suggest the following.
  - The Harbor District remains dependent within the city to make the best use of the city resources for public use of the harbor.
  - The "footprint" of the Harbor District be returned to the pre 2009 boundaries. Beaches and assets outside of those boundaries should not be incumbent on the slip renters.
  - The SCHD board should be independent to serve the best interests of the harbor and harbor funds. A compromise position would be having the appropriate city council members on the SCHD board with independent majority make up.
  - Harbor Lifeguards/Firefighters who work in the "redefined" district should have PC 832 powers to enforce California laws.
  - Any MoU negotiations with the city should include representation for the slip renters via the HBAC. Preferably with an independent SCHD board.

Again, I do appreciate the work LAFCO has put into our harbor situation and look forward to working with you in the future to preserve the "jewel of the North".

Respectfully

Mark Mallaby, HBAC committee member.

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**From:** Les George [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 4:43 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside harbor LAFACO report

Hello Michaela

Thanks for coming and giving your presentation to the Oceanside Harbor and Beaches advisory committee (HBAC) Your report was very thorough and well done. Thanks

First I want you to know who I am. I am a boater, business owner and slip renter. I have been a slip renter in Oceanside harbor for over 44 years. I was the person that introduced myself to you after the meeting. I have been on the HBAC for almost 20 years.

I am a retired Fire Captain and currently a USCG licensed Captain 100 ton master. I have been running a small one person charter business in Oceanside harbor for over 20 years.

The only reason for sharing all this with you is that I have been around long enough to have watched the harbor go from a self-sustaining Harbor District to a serious money grab for the City Of Oceanside. After reading your report it appears that the information you presented shows you have a good idea of what has been going on.

I will try to be brief as I know you are being overloaded with information from boaters, and being bullied by City Council members. It was very sad watching the two members running for Mayor/ council chase you and the other gentleman out to try to bully you when you did your presentation . Please know that the truth is the truth and if it is the truth you need to do the right thing as I can see you are trying to do. Thank you so much.

Ok here goes when the harbor was taken over by the city this was done to allow the current Harbor patrol to be a part of the Oceanside Police department. This would allow the harbor Patrol to have the OPA union represent them and an immediate pay raise. At that time the Harbor Patrol officers were staying in the harbor and performing the duties they were hired to do. But the takeover allowed the Harbor patrol officers to be able to transfer to other duties in the Oceanside Police department. As time went on and the true water persons started retiring the Oceanside police began a much larger roll and moved Lieutenants and other staff officers into the harbor budget. This also allowed the existing Harbor patrol officers to work overtime outside the harbor, and also to be used outside the harbor leaving the Harbor uncovered. This continued for several years with boaters noticing that the protection they were paying for was no longer here, but they were now providing regular patrol to the other areas of the city, including waiting for prisoners to be booked in Vista county Jail with sometimes hours waiting and away from the harbor leaving it unprotected. At this time the harbor was being charged \$2.8 Million dollars for Police/Harbor police protection which came directly from harbor district funds, Slip renters or as the city calls us STAKEHOLDERS.

After years of boaters complaining about this obvious money grab and boaters assets being left unprotected. The HBAC requested an ad hoc committee to be put together to look into the obvious money grab. The city solution was to have The fire Department come in with a plan to have a division of their department the( lifeguards) take over harbor safety? The cost was going to be a little less and the

City agreed to try a new system and at the end of one year a MOU would be worked out. I supported the basic plan since I worked in the Fire service and felt this would be better as far as harbor stakeholders/boaters safety. Well the one thing that the Fire Department did not want to do is provide policing for the harbor neither on the waterways enforcing harbor rules of the road nor the docks or harbor area. IT has been over a year and no MOU has been brought forward to the HBAC .

At some point the harbor area was expanded from the harbor south all the way down to Carlsbad city limits. All safety including beach cleaning equipment being paid for by boaters money. Because the Police were replaced they pulled completely out of the harbor and left the Fire Department with equipment that had fallen into disrepair and NO Police protection, not even Patrols. So then the city decided to hire a private patrol to work and rattle doors, for a cost of over \$150,000 but again no policing powers for late night hours. This was a total failure and again the boaters were very unhappy and the harbor as described by many boaters to me has become a (War Zone)? At the meeting you were at you heard the City Manager get up and read a prepared statement that they were looking into a weekend attack with a baseball bat by gang members injuring 4 unsuspecting citizens on harbor beach. Seems like we are now trying to put out a fire that has started and just keeps getting bigger. We have been trying to get some changes to the harbor protection, but it had to come to this before the city even acted like they were going to move forward on anything. As you heard they are WORKING ON IT.

We Currently have the Director of PUBLIC WORKS making decisions for our harbor and to be truthful he could not tell the bow from the stern of a vessel. I sat on the ADhoc committee with him when the city spent \$800,000 dollars on a BRADY report to identify areas of the harbor that are in "desperate need of repair." The first thing that the city brought up in our meeting was that ONLY 30% of the boaters live in the City Of Oceanside 70% live outside. So in short the others dont have a vote in Oceanside. We also were shown documents that the city was taking over \$840,000 annually and putting into the general fund and in that document it said that not one penny has to be spent in the harbor?, and they have not. The city has not saved one dollar for the infrastructure of our harbor. Any property owner that has a rental knows you have to set aside money for repairs. This is criminal if not just unprofessional what the city is doing and we need an outside auditor to evaluate where the stakeholders funds that belong to the harbor district/ enterprise funds have gone. Every one of these boaters pay Property tax on the slip and their boats yearly in which a portion goes to the city.

1. This is why we desperately need to have our own governing body to oversee the harbor districts' money (our Money).

2. We need the harbor footprint to be back to what it was originally.

3. The Lifeguards need to have the Police powers PC832 that I had when I was a Firefighter . We need to have a MOU with the Fire/lifeguard to know exactly what their duties are. Also the lifeguards need to enforce the California boating rules and rules written in the Blue book rule book that every boater is given when they get a slip here. We do not need to seperate from the city, but we do need to be able to self manage the harbor.

4. The city borrowed \$5 million dollars from harbor district funds in the past and that money needs to be repaid. This would be a good start on building up a reserve for future needs of our beautiful harbor.

I can share many other interesting things that the city has brought up to our ad hoc committee as ways to raise money. The HBAC committee started out by having its members being boaters and business owners and basically stakeholders in the harbor, however now we have chamber members, citizens at large beach property owners. That is why they changed the name to reflect the makeup of the committee. Our harbor is a beautiful place and as a past public servant I feel being on a voluntary unpaid position to keep our harbor is my way of paying it forward,



I am writing this to you and you may show it to whomever you choose, but the HBAC members are appointed by the Mayor and in the past members have been remove from being a member of the HBAC when sharing the truth about what has been going on. Our chairperson Liz Rea has been on top of this all along and if you want to verify anything I am saying please reach out to her or feel free to callm. Thank you again for your time

Respectfully yours

Captain Les George  
Pacific Coast Sail Charters

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## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Kirsten Sandoval [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 6:52 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Cc:** Artie  
**Subject:** [External] Input from Oceanside Harbor slip renters on Dock D

Hello Michaela,

My husband and I are slip renters at the harbor.

We're writing to join in with the majority of harbor slip renters to voice our support for the changes our harbor committee is requesting to be independent from the city, control our own funds and budget, and be able to direct and oversee the the harbor improvements, safety measures, and as our committee and members see fit.

Thank you,

Artie & Kirsten Sandoval

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Darwin Southard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 10:02 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor

Hi we are current slip renters at Oceanside Harbor living in north county. We have rented a slip for over 20 years. I avoid figuring out the total \$\$ we have spent on slips fees over time because we enjoy boating with family and friends. we are concerned but hopeful all those dollars over the years were going to the maintenance, security and safety of the harbor.

We feel good accounting and management of the harbor funds is most important to the future of maintaining Oceanside Harbor.

Our harbor managers and maintenance have always done a great job around the harbor.

Darwin and Carleen Southard  
Oceanside Harbor

**Peters, Michaela A**

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**From:** shirley mcculloch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 9:15 AM  
**To:** Joseph Ravitch; Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Thank you

Thank you for sharing the information at the Oceanside Harbor Meeting last night.

USCG mission is to protect, defend & save the nation's maritime safety, security & stewardship.

Have we shared security concerns about Oceanside Harbor with them?

Have we shared security concerns about Oceanside Harbor with USMC Camp Pendleton Del Mar Marina?

Do they know we have documented Panga boats with illegals coming into Oceanside Harbor?

This is a National security concern....not just a matter between the Harbor District & the City District.

Several years ago, Jon Hoover wrote a Federal Grant for the Boat parked in front of the Harbor office to search for Panga boats, up & down the coast.

That boat is not used 90 % of the time....it just sits idle.

Have we contacted Homeland Security folks about this?

As a starting point, we need security cameras around all our restrooms & docks. I have some on my boat...they costs \$29 from Amazon.

Thank you for your presentations & listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,  
Shirley Neely McCulloch  
[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** S Schiafone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:32 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor

RE: Support of an Independent Harbor District

Dear Mr. Peters,

I am the former Harbor District Manager for Oceanside Harbor. As background I had over 20 years of private enterprise experience in the marine industry and an equal amount in the banking industry. As soon as I joined the City, I recognized the impending financial disaster caused by deferred maintenance and that is the reason the Brady Study was performed. I don't blame prior managers, but must point to the excessive City charges for internal services as severely handicapping the Harbor Division's ability to plan and execute proper maintenance and capital improvements. Over 60% of the Harbor's budget goes toward City services. It is extremely frustrating to pay for City services at whatever price they choose, when every other outside service has to go through a competitive bid process. During the conversion from Police to Fire/Lifeguard Harbor Patrol, I recommended an independent Harbor Patrol. I knew first hand how important it is for the Harbor Manager to have full authority for law enforcement within the Harbor. I highly recommend Oceanside Harbor becomes an Independent District, with its own Board of Directors and control of its own budget,

Sincerely,  
Ted Schiafone

Sent from Gmail Mobile

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Jay Roveda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2024 5:35 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] LAFCO

I moved to Oceanside in 2006 after being stationed at Camp Pendleton. I have lived in the harbor. I have lived on Pacific Street and on Meyers. I've owned a boat, used the harbor camp area, and patronized every business in the harbor. I dive, fish and sail out of Oceanside harbor. My father was the passed commodore of the Golden Gate Yacht Club in San Francisco and the first place he took me in Oceanside was the yacht club.

I maintain my permanent private business address in Oceanside. I exited the Marine Corps as a 100% disabled Marine veteran and the fixed income I rely on will never afford me live aboard in Oceanside harbor. I had intended to purchase a sailing boat and live aboard in the harbor, but the cost of renting a slip for years while waiting on a list for live aboard to be approved by the harbor authorities has prevented me from achieving my dreams. Unfortunately, there is no remedy for my income bracket. My father taught me to sail at 8 years old. My father was an organizer of the America's Cup race series out of San Francisco. I had dreamed of teaching my children to sail out of Oceanside. In hindsight, it seems that the same barriers preventing me from what I know and love, have destroyed the harbor community, rendering children's sailing programs fruitless, or a novelty for the rich. I however will not be investing my time, money, nor energy into a city that priced me out as a disabled veteran.

I am very well aware of the politics in the area, which are labeled as "gentrification." With this gentrification comes the disease and pestilence systemically found in other "gentrified" areas. The tourism revenue funds the permanent displacement of the locals. The wealth divide grows ever larger. The rich have laid claim to the coastline. There is no equality about it. Criminals see the area as opportunistic. Just as tourists travel to Oceanside to exploit the amenities, so do criminals. The "city" and its wealthy elite intend to continue developing with this same intent.

The city which relies upon our veterans discards them without a thought, for tourists, for immigrants and for the rich. There is no equality. People talk about fixing things, but the fix is in! As for the recent crime spree, I am reminded of a subversive slogan the police in Oceanside allowed our youth to chant in protest as they marched across the city down coast highway, "No Justice, No Peace!" And to the un-enlightened that might appear as a threat, but in reality it is a fact of simple economics.

Sincerely,

Jay Roveda  
[REDACTED]



## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Steve J [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2024 9:24 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor

Dear Ms. Peters,

As I am sure you are aware, there have been several violent incidents at the the Oceanside Harbor launch ramp and adjacent areas, as well as nightly fireworks. Violence and crime has been escalating recently and from what I have heard, the gangs are using this harbor as a means to 'initiate' new members.

Nobody, especially women and children, feel safe anymore, and after dark the uneasiness increases. We have been lucky in the past over by the North side of the harbor by the Marine base and the Jolly Roger, yacht club, etc., but that has changed with recent thefts, and transients wandering around.

Slip renters and local residents are getting very motivated to get something done, most are sensible, but there is also talk about vigilantism, which would be very bad and would most likely add to the problem.

I am asking you to put all your efforts into addressing this problem, and would like to know your thoughts on how to do so.

The current evening security seems to hide from any interactions with illegal activities, and have even been caught sitting in a slip renters restroom with a chair and laptop watching a movie.

Another issue I would like to address is in regards to the future power and water metering that will be taking effect in the upcoming years. This has high potential of becoming a big waste of money and time (especially as the maintenance and replacements costs don't seem to have been budgeted or addressed) to install in relation to the revenue potential. How will renters stop other slips from using their water hose or power? On our dock we have kayak/dinghy racks that have tenants from other slips, so when they finish their paddling adventures they use my, or my neighbors water to rinse their craft when we are not there. So, how will we be able to stop this, but let the other off-dock renters rinse their crafts? Would a locking system be installed, which would add to the installment and maintenance costs that have not been mentioned in the budget?

Another question that I feel is very important is will there be monthly or annual service or delivery fees, etc. in addition to the monthly power and water charges. I, and many of my dock friends rarely use power and only use water to rinse off our boats once in a while, these charges would be a game changer for many current and future slip renters. There are large boats with one or two a/c units on board as well as being connected directly to the dock water source, so it would seem that we have been subsidizing their usage for all these years.

Thank you Michaela for taking the time to read the concerns that I have addressed, and I look forward to hearing your comments.

Sincerely,  
Steve Jerromes - Oceanside Harbor slip renter.

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Patti O'Farrell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 15, 2024 10:38 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] LACK OF SAFETY AT OCEANSIDE HARBOR

Hi, Michaela,

We bought a boat and are in Oceanside Harbor [REDACTED]. The crime and homelessness problem has gotten so bad that a friend of mine who used to come stay the weekend with me periodically is now afraid to come. When is something going to be done, this situation is way out of hand and if it keeps going, I'm afraid we're going to have to move our boat.

We really enjoyed being in Oceanside the first 3 years we've had the boat, and felt safe knowing there was a police unit right there. We no longer feel safe whatsoever!!!

I pray something is done and done soon. Had we known the police were going to be pulled out, I doubt we would have kept our boat there knowing the history of the past in that area.

PLEASE BRING THE POLICE BACK FOR THE SAKE OF WE CITIZENS!!! WE'RE BEGGING YOU!!!!

Patti O'Farrell

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**From:** Jodi Farmer Realtor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 9:30 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Urgent Action Needed for Oceanside Harbor Safety and Maintenance!!

Dear Michaela Peters,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding recent incidents at Oceanside Harbor. In August, there was a gang-related assault, and just two days ago, at approximately 2 a.m., two stabbings occurred—both gang-related. These events pose a significant threat to public safety, and immediate action is necessary.

In addition to these safety concerns, the buildings housing restaurants and shops are in a state of disrepair. Despite the Harbor attracting hundreds of thousands of tourists each year, it seems that little to no improvements are being made to address either the safety or the condition of these facilities. If this trend continues, visitors will begin to avoid the area, impacting hotel bookings and local businesses. Even local residents, myself included, are becoming hesitant to frequent the Harbor, surrounding restaurants, and beaches due to these safety issues.

The city is collecting substantial revenue from these establishments through rent, yet there appears to be no reinvestment to improve safety or maintain the Harbor's infrastructure. As a homeowner and taxpayer in Oceanside, I find this unacceptable. I strongly urge the city to take immediate action to improve both the safety and the conditions of the buildings before it's too late. Failure to address these issues could result in significant financial losses for the city and local businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope to see prompt and effective changes.

Sincerely,  
Oceanside Homeowner and Taxpayer

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**From:** Richard Farley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 11:03 AM  
**To:** council@oceasideca.org; Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor

To All Concerned

The past few years have seen a steady decline at the Oceanside Harbor and especially after the sun goes down. You never know what you are going to find when you use the restrooms or the laundry facilities.

One of the persons who was attacked with a baseball bat, is a good hard working young man and fishes at the harbor whenever he has time. He still has the staples in head. I know him personally, a hard worker and never misses work. He was able to return to work after a month off from his attack.

I have lived in Oceanside over 70 years and have seen a lot of changes. The Oceanside Harbor at one time was a great place to visit day or night.

What bothers me is that the Oceanside City Council has tuned their head and allowed this to happen. They should be ashamed of themselves.

Richard

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**From:** Angela Barker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 12:40 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside harbor resident

Writing in regards to making the harbor district its own entity , and not a part of Oceanside city . The harbor income it generates is being used in other areas of the city and not the harbor currently. Also as far as patrol the gate keepers have not been able to control the crime that had increased in the harbor in the past 2 years . It's becoming an unsafe environment for slip renters and visitors . :

Our own INDEPENDENT HARBOR DISTRICT (separate from a city department's control).

Have our own HARBOR MASTER (not a "manager" directed by the city .

Our own HARBOR PATROL: Police, patrol and rescue (with guns to provide safety and security).

Our own HARBOR BUD GET, experienced STAFF and ACCOUNTANT under the direction of our Harbor Master.

These are just a few pinpoints . But safety in this harbor is my main concern . Thank you Angela Barker Oceanside harbor slip renter

Sent from my iPhone

**Peters, Michaela A**

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**From:** Joe Cacciola [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 2:06 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor

I understand the comment period concerning a change to the structure of Oceanside Harbor's management is September 18, 2024 therefore I'm submitting my comment at this time. I have not read any specifics in regard to what may be proposed for changing the way our harbor is presently managed or controlled. I believe this would need to be presented in a more formal manner before any credible positions can be taken or suggestions made. As the owner of two businesses within Oceanside Harbor, I am very concerned about the ramifications of any changes that may be proposed. Thank you for your attention and your assistance.

Best regards,

Capt. Joe Cacciola

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[REDACTED]  
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## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 2:29 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Comments on Oceanside Harbor

I have been an Oceanside resident for 25 years and have enjoyed the Harbor for the last 30 years. I have seen a lot of changes first hand. I have worked in the Harbor for over 30 years and I am a licensed 100 Ton Captain. I would like to express my deep dissatisfaction in Liz Rhea as chair of the HBAC! She was instrumental in convincing the City to have Harbor Police removed and replaced by Life Guards. The Harbor has turned in to the wild wild West and people are getting beat with baseball bats and stabbed. There has been little to no police presence since the Harbor Patrol left.

The Harbor ran much more efficient and proficient when working under the City Managers Office. The Harbor Division is now under the Public Works Division and has a very difficult time getting anything done in a timely manner.

I would appreciate to remain anonymous.

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Deborah Malotte <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 5:52 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor

Hello Michaela,

I was at the City meeting when you spoke and asked Oceanside Harbor slip renters to email you.

I have owned my boat in this harbor since 2004 and have been a liveaboard since 2007. When I bought my boat we still had our own Harbor Police Department. They made a point to walk the docks and get to know all the boat owners. We knew all their names and we even had their cell numbers. Since they were taken from the harbor, it has just gotten less and less safe each year. At this point in time, it's actually dangerous to leave your boat in the evening just to shower or use the bathrooms. Now with stabbings and people being beaten with metal baseball bats, I feel like I need something to protect myself since we don't have any police presence in the harbor anymore. The City of Oceanside doesn't seem to want to do anything about it.

I'm not sure what can be done, but it's awful to discover our slip rent is being used by the City for things outside our harbor. We need an actual Harbor Police Unit again. They would never allow this to happen in what used to be known as The Jewel of the North. Now it's gang tagging, homelessness and criminals in a lawless harbor.

Thank you,

Deborah Malotte  
[REDACTED]

**Peters, Michaela A**

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**From:** district28usps [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 8:27 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Lawless in the harbor

To whom it may concern,

I've been a long time resident of the harbor close to 30 years and I was around back when we had Harbor Patrol we need to go back to those days.

We need on-site police officers Around the Clock in the harbor no excuses none whatsoever.

It has become apparent to the thugs in Oceanside that there is no police force in the harbor so they come down and do whatever they want to do and there's no one to stop them this is become ridiculous I pay a lot of money to have a boat in that Harbor and now I have to put up with this I'm looking at moving my boat.

Sad

**P/R/C Shawn Goit JN-ON**

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**Peters, Michaela A**

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**From:** Rebekka Kinder [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 9:04 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] City of Oceanside Harbor

Dear Michaela Peters

I am writing on behalf of the conditions in the city of Oceanside Harbor. I own a boat and also a residence in the Oceanside harbor district. I have seen the increased need of Police presence due to the homelessness issue, disruptive tourists and violent gang activity. As a tax paying resident of the Harbor district, I believe we need more input on how our district is governed in order to improve safety and security of this Harbor.

Please feel free to contact me anytime,

Rebekka Kinder

[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** allstar00p [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2024 7:36 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [External] Regarding the Oceanside Harbor

September 16, 2024

To whom it may concern;

We are liveaboards on [REDACTED] for the last 8 years & also owned a motor boat for years on the same dock. There was a time when we felt safe & protected & our money was put to good use...Now we have zero protection, the non existence of Police presence is well known to the criminals, the Police boats have a very distinct sound they use to patrol going up & down each dock checking on boats & people, the life guards do not do that & I hardly ever hear their boat, the Oceanside adventure boat is directly behind us so we have a pretty good view when they come out. I remember being on our motor boat years ago & we started taking on water, we called on the radio the Police boat was there in just a couple of minutes and we were safely brought in....not any more. We use to have Police presence by patrol they would park in the lot walk the harbor & docks talking to people & we felt safe. They no longer do that, I am handicapped and can not defend myself & need assistance getting on & off the boat, when Jay is gone I am very nervous as people can paddle board or kayak to a dock & get right on. We are the only liveaboards on this dock and we are on our own! People have said at night it turns into the wild west down here & I can tell you it does, the fireworks that sound like cannons have been going on 2 -4 or more nights a week even atv1 in the morning for about a year, they were doing it by Joe's crab shack, at night I could hear them hitting the water & scaring the life out of me. I was so afraid one would land on a boat & start a fire. When I called the number for the security that WE as slip renters pay for I was informed the guards can't even go look to see where they are coming from (they were flameless) so you couldn't see them, I was also told the guards can not confront or intervene in any situation as they have no way to defend themselves....so why on earth are we continuing to pay them when they are useless & are not even on sight every night. It is ridiculous that our fees go up & we have more & more things taken away from us. This is our home, we should at the least feel safe, going outside after dark is like taking your life into your own hands. Another huge problem being on this Dock our parking lot is over run with non slip renters & sometimes we can't even find parking, raise the ticket fees or tow the darn cars, most people we warn about the ticket say the convenience to the restaurants, shops & beach are worth the \$60 & refuse to move their car. That is not fair to us for what we pay to live here. Our lives are in danger by trying to not let non slip renters in our bathrooms. As a woman I am scared the whole time I am in the shower. I feel like I need to get a German Shepard for protection. Also ealier this year someone vandalized, stole & destroyed the Oceanside adventure kiosk right outside our gate.

\*We need to be our own governing body away from the city.

\*We need to have more control over fees, we are paying for things that do not benefit our Harbor.

Another concern I have which I can not get an answer to is the installation of meters on our docks, as a liveaboard we already pay \$110 more than slip renters & do not feel we should be charged above that

with a meter or do away with the extra fee, that is why we pay extra for the extra things we use as liveaboards. They also made a mistake when they raised our fees this year regarding boat size which they will not correct, so the people with a 30 or 32ft boat is paying the same fee as we do for our 28ft ..they need to fix that, it is not fair, it was brought to their attention they admitted the error & said they were not going to fix it.

\*We need to improve our safety & security

\*Have more control over fees

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### **OCEANSIDE HARBOR SLIP RENTERS NEED:**

Our own INDEPENDENT HARBOR DISTRICT (separate from a city department's control).

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Our own HARBOR POLICE Patrol and Rescue (with guns to provide safety and security).

Our own HARBOR BUDGET, experienced STAFF and ACCOUNTANT under the direction of our Harbor Master.

Sincerely,  
Jay & Fran Yager





## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** leif kellenberger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 9:18 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor safety (please help)

Hello Mr. Michaela,

My name is Leif Kellenberger I have been an oceanside resident for 13 years and have a business at the Oceanside harbor for 24 years.

Oceanside was heading towards the right direction with safety and police presence until they decided to swap Oceanside Harbor police with lifeguards. I respect what lifeguards do on the beach for safety, but in no way are they trained or can deal with the volume of boat owners, live aboard, homeless, and safety in the Harbor.

I have seen the Oceanside Harbor decline severely in safety these past years. We just had a stabbing a few days ago and a few weeks ago random people were beat up with baseball bats in two different locations. It's ironic that one happened right out in front of the old Harbor police station. At one time you would see multiple cop cars there and all around the harbor. If I was one of the victims I would sue the city for the foreseen liability of removing the Harbor Police. These multiple incidents and homeless hitting customers would not occur at this rate. One homeless lady was arrested 4 times at the Harbor and should've been escorted off and banned. The last incident she went into the Stratford restaurant and hit a 13 year old girl in the face assaulting her. The family was visiting from Ohio. I can guarantee if we had Harbor police back their presence would improve everyone's safety here at the Harbor.

Also the Lawlessness of the local every Tuesday and Holidays of this bicycle gang that runs stop signs and street lights, take up both lanes(even oncoming traffic), disregard for public safety, very aggressive and wanting to start fights yelling and flipping everyone off. They actually surrounded car the other day and wouldn't let me pass. I was lucky to get away this time.

I have had 3 run ins with them already and someone is going to get hurt by them. I spoke to the Sargent and multiple officers. They know they are a problem and progressively getting worse, but they don't have enough officers to confront them. So this gang can do want they want and they know it. I told the sergeant imagine a trained cop is intimidating, fearful and worried what could happen. Imagine an old man of family visiting with no back up or training when these people confront him.

Please help Oceanside Harbor the residents, business owners, visitors and safety overall. We need the Oceanside Harbor police back the Oceanside Harbor generates enough revenue to sustain our own governing body.

[REDACTED]

Thank you,  
Leif Kellenberger

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Maureen Gahan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 1:55 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Good Afternoon

The crime in the harbor has increased since the Harbor police was replaced. We need to feel safe to use the harbor. As a slip renter for 6 years, we pay our slip rent and tax on time. With those of us who have 51 ft slips, a 40% increase on our slip rent was huge and to not have police present on a regular basis is unfair to slip renters. The money generated should only be used to improve the harbor. The fact that we have diferred maintenance and the huge hike in fees leads me to believe that our funds have been misused.

I sincerely hope things improve

Thank you,  
Maureen Johnson  
[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Mark Rubins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 7:00 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor Current State of Affairs

Greetings,

The City has essentially abandoned the Harbor Slip renters. Seems all they want to do is collect our slip fees and keep us quiet. The harbor has become a dangerous place to visit. People are getting beaten, stabbed and stuff is getting stolen.

Something needs to change.

1. Enforcement of Harbor rules is not apparent.
2. Absent Law enforcement.
3. No police presence.
4. Lifeguards are the only presence, they can't / don't enforce anything.

The Harbor Police Department was a much better way to go. They were well trained, sworn officers who were also skilled watermen.

Mark [REDACTED]  
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## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Adriane S [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 6:58 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor district boundaries

Dear Michaela,

I am a slip renter at Oceanside Harbor. I understand that at some time in the past the SCHED was enlarged to include all of the beach to the Carlsbad border. I am writing to provide support for a governance study to determine the actual boundaries of the harbor district. I do not want my slip fees to pay for the maintenance of the entire Oceanside beach area, there is enough work to be done in the harbor alone. I am concerned about the recent increase in slip fees, and do not want them to continue to rise.

Sincerely,  
Adriane Stebbins

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Lauren Chandler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 8:43 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor: we need harbor please ASAP

Hi Michaela,

It has been brought to my attention that the harbor lacks its own police and safety. As a female in the harbor, I do fear for my safety. Especially at night when accessing the facilities. What would stop a homeless man from entering the women's restroom and assaulting women? That has already happened here where a woman was raped in the bathroom because a homeless man obtained the key. Please consider harbor police and active patrol because criminals are aware there lack police resulting in shading things happening.

As this can be resolved and us women can be safer here.

Thank you.

Lauren Chandler

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Artie Sandoval [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 7:30 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Input from Oceanside Harbor Slip renters on Dock D

Hello Michaela Peters,

I'm a slip renter at the Oceanside Harbor and I'm concerned with the recent events from this summer involving safety. I would like to be involved in voting or supporting the following initiatives that include the Harbor having the following:

- Independent Harbor District separate from a city department control.
- Harbor Master not a manager directed by a city bureaucrat.
- Harbor Police patrol and rescue with guns to provide safety and security.
- A Harbor Budget, experienced Staff, and accountant under direction of our Harbor Master.

Respectfully Submitted,

Artie Sandoval  
[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** kirkplehn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 7:25 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Harbor Conditions

To whom it may concern, Over the past few years it seems like the Harbor district is getting the short end of the stick as far a Policing goes. We have more crime, homelessness, vandals, graffiti etc. Please put more resources to help out the Harbor district of Oceanside.

Sincerely,

Kirk Plehn Board Member MDM  
[REDACTED]

**Peters, Michaela A**

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**From:** glendasmith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 6:08 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor Slip Renter

To the LAFCO board,

We have been a citizen of Oceanside for over 40 years. Our family has enjoyed the town, beaches, ocean, and the harbor.

10 years ago we purchased a 36' boat in Oceanside Harbor. For the past six years we live-aboard.

We have been through changes in Harbor Masters. Changes in rules and regulations. Rules about what the Police can, and can

not do in the harbor. Who is protecting us in the water?. Who is protection us on the land. I'm older and don't feel safe going to the

restrooms after dark. Our slip fees keep increasing and I don't see much in improvements the City takes the money meant for

use in the Harbor and puts it into other funds and accounts.

I feel that we need and deserve:

- Our own Independent Harbor District
- A Harbor Master not a manager assigned by the City
- Our own Harbor Budget that is managed by Our Harbor Master along with experienced Staff and Accountants
- Harbor Police - that patrol and rescue ( that can provide safety and security)

I sincerely hope you give a strong report and opinion regarding these issues.

Thank you for your time and hard work.

Glenda Smith



## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Carleen Southard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 12:23 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor LAFCO Comments

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Michaela,

Thank you for giving the stakeholders in the Oceanside Harbor Community a place to comment.

My husband and I have been slip renters in Oceanside Harbor since 2002. We have seen many changes in the management of the harbor in this time. My hat is off to the volunteer members of the Harbor and Beaches Committee because they have continuously met with and worked with the City representatives over the years. I have been trying to understand how this is all set up, I read the minutes, attend meetings (via Zoom) and try and stay current on the governing structure of our Harbor and Beaches. The members of the Harbor and Beaches Committee have gone above and beyond and all of their hard work is appreciated.

My primary concern as a slip renter is Safety, both on and off the water. There needs to be trained watermen/women staffed to be able to patrol the harbor by water and be able to rescue boaters, swimmers, kayakers, paddlers and all other stakeholders and users of the beautiful resources.

When we first had our slip in the early 2000, the Harbor Patrol was staffed by individuals who would patrol the water and stop users for not wearing lifejackets on kayaks, speeding in the harbor, or other things mentioned in the bluebook. They were also trained in on the water rescues for boating accidents ie; crashing into the jetty, grounding, or flipping in the entrance due to the swells. I am not an expert in the training this group received but it was my understanding that they had more on the water training than the most recent group of OPD in the harbor (before the Lifeguards).

Currently the Lifeguards are more of a presence than OPD was on the water. We see the patrol boats out and see them doing practice drills. The Lifeguards also took part in a local CPR class and educated everyone in attendance not only CPR skills but in local knowledge on lifesaving and getting emergency help in the harbor.

There is no doubt the Harbor needs trained professionals both on the water and on land patrolling the harbor and beaches.

Please consider the very well thought out recommendations by the Harbor and Beaches Committee. These people have worked tirelessly and have a thorough understanding of the structure most benefitting the way our harbor should be set up.

The Harbor definitely needs to improve Safety and Security. Recent violent events in the harbor have been very concerning and I am afraid they will escalate. Personal injury with bats and a knifing have been

the most recent incidents in the news. In addition, we have had tagging on our boats, slip renters mugged by the restrooms and intruders boarding our boats and things being stolen from our boats and docks.

The current structure of Harbor management does not appear to be working. The Harbor and Beaches Committees have worked diligently on their recommendations and I would like to have it on record that I support their recommendations'.

Sincerely,  
Carleen Southard



## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Roland Gerard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 12:25 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor.

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Michaela,

I believe that the first thing the boat owners should do is to reach an agreement with the City of Oceanside clearly stating the city accepts the formation of (for example) a Boat Owners Association [BOA].

Also, the city should clearly delineate what would be the remaining obligations/responsibilities of the city regarding the "harbor". Is the city still responsible for the roads around and within the harbor, their maintenance, etc.?

Who is responsible for the security on those roads and within the harbor [shops, parking and beaches]? In other words, we need a clear definition of what the city wants and what the BOA would become responsible for. We need a legally binding agreement. Please note that presently we have NO agreement whatsoever. The boaters are entirely at the mercy of the city. The HBAC is only an advisor to the city. Ideally, the first step would be a BOA bylaws accepted by the boat owners and the city.

The second step would be a reconciliation regarding the finance.

- Is the "borrowed" \$5 million to be returned to the boaters by the city?
- We got a 30% increase on the slip fee and then we are informed we are going to be billed for water and electricity separately WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT to the rental fee (today water and electricity are included in the rental fee). This amounts to a real 40% increase of the rental fee!
- Also, why are the expenses to the docks, etc. to be supported by the boaters only? Home owners don't pay for city expenses done in front of their homes in Oceanside! All the home owners (as a group) pay for all the city expenditures (as a city).

Then and only then can we make meaningful suggestions to you as you requested.

Thanks for asking,

Roland GERARD  
[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Mark Fitzgerald [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 11:48 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Comments in reference to Oceanside Harbor

Hello Michaela,

Please see below in reference to the request for comments about the Oceanside Harbor. Feel free to be in touch. Thank you!

### **It's time for the Oceanside Harbor to return to self-governing, un beholden to the City Council.**

As Oceanside residents and homeowners in District 3, as well as boat owners and Oceanside Harbor slip renters, we are calling on the City Council to relinquish control of Harbor resources that are used for other purposes than to repair and upkeep the harbor, as well as keep the harbor region safe. Over the past few years, we have witnessed the harbor conditions decline while slip fees have increased. There have been notable attacks on boat owners and harbor visitors alike due to the lack of security, regulations and concern from the city about unhoused, drug users and general violent crime increasing in the harbor, while maintenance is disregarded:

- Knifing attack, Sept, 2 injured
- Baseball bat attacks, August, 4 injured
- Jolly Roger (vacant) lots unmanaged/dirty
- Slip bumpers old, corroded and damaged
- Pet excrement left behind
- Trash bins overflowing
- Slip Finger rules are disregarded
- Overstay on temporary live aboard
- Live aboard permits expired/neglected
- Many boats serving as "storage units" overflowing w/trash
- Too few boaters and more stationary vessels
- Expired registration tags (going back as far as 2020)
- People fishing from slip fingers
- "Toys" piling up in slips (floats, kayaks, paddleboards)

This is all due to a lack of management and oversight on the part of City Counsel. The Oceanside Harbor generates over \$5 million dollars per year in revenue that is obviously being used elsewhere (900+ slips, \$500 monthly avg. Per slip).

Oceanside City Counsel ironically voted to spend \$5 million on the Oceanside Pier renovation back in 2023 and yet were unable to manage those funds from going up in flames when the pier fire occurred. Their lack of oversight and accountability created a hole that the harbor slip renters should not be on the hook for.

Boat owners are calling on Oceanside City Council to relinquish control of the harbor and return the harbor district back to an independent agency, as intended at formation in 1960. The \$5 million + in revenue can be used to reinstate an onsite police department, reinforce regulations in the harbor region and allow boat owners the right to have a voice in where the harbor generated revenue is used.

**Mark & Rachelle Fitzgerald**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Paul and Pat Gadbois  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District

September 17, 2024

San Diego County Local Agency  
Formation Commission  
(LAFCO)

Attention: Ms. Michaela Peters

Dear Ms. Peters,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the on-going discussion regarding the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District. Like many of our harbor friends and neighbors, we have concerns regarding the decisions made by the OSCHD's Board of Directors. Since they are also the elected members of the Oceanside City Council, they must represent the voters of the local city district that elected them. Obviously, this creates a very apparent conflict of interests, especially since the SCHED is financially tied to the Harbor's Enterprise Fund. As such, the SCHED is supposed to be a self-supporting entity. Income is generated in various ways including rentals of district business sites, Slip-permit Holders slip fees, and occasional grants from the State of California and the Federal Government.

Like many of our fellow boaters, we have had a slip in Oceanside Harbor for almost three decades. Consequently, we are very aware of the of the good, the bad and the changes that only benefited city politics. From what we have observed, what interests the city council members and the city administration is how they can squeeze more money out of the Harbor District to plump-up the city coffers! For example, when the Harbor District was "annexed" by the city, we lost what was an excellently trained Marine Safety Harbor Patrol! Most, if not all of them, had been local police officers. For example, Harbor Master Don Hadley served in the National Guard and Coast Guard, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander in the US. Naval Reserves. Don worked as a Port of San Diego Harbor Police Captain when he was hired to fill the shoes of the original and beloved Harbor Master, Jon Curtis. Don wore several hats when he worked for the OSCHD including Harbor Police Chief, Director of Harbor and Beaches, and finally retired as the Deputy City Manager 2 years later.

As a Coast Guard Officer, Port of SD Harbor Police Marine Safety Officer, and seasoned “water-man,” Don knew the value of training, experience, and time at sea. Our Harbor Patrol Officers also served as California Peace Officers, usually wearing both a badge and a firearm even when paroling the harbor or at sea. Don expected his officers to attend the California Department of Boating and Waterways extensive training units. Eventually most of the experienced officers were also designated as training officers.

At this point LAFCO allowed the city to annex the Harbor District. We remember seeing a brief announcement posted on a city web-site announcing that the city was applying to LAFCO for the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the annexation of the OSCHD, and if any citizens had concerns or questions, the public was welcome to attend the meeting and speak...few did, or for that matter even knew about it or what “annexation” actually meant, in our opinion. After it occurred, Don posted a “Memo of Understanding” saying that the city police department would be taking over as the agency that policed the harbor. Fortunately, many of the officers had been trained and worked the OPD originally and were designated as “Legacy Officers” and could continue to serve. They were also available to train the OPD officers who applied to be on the Harbor Patrol. Unfortunately, time and attrition resulted in a cadre of poorly trained OPD “water-men.”

To add to the problem, OSCHD Harbor Patrol officers were NOT allowed to patrol on land outside of the boundaries of the harbor district, except when requested by OPD in an emergency. (*California did not allow cities to have more than one police agency.*) With OPD at the helm, harbor officers were quietly detailed to patrol near-by areas of the downtown, often going as far as the Carlsbad border. Consequently, they weren’t available when there was an emergency on the water requiring a rescue at sea! Harbor boaters saw what was going on! For example, a boat overturning when the tide went out and there were big waves in the channel, or a powerboat had engine troubles and was about to be on broaching on the rocks when another boater was able to take them in tow! There were no OPD Harbor Unit officers in sight, they were out of the harbor taking care of problems downtown! While these are simplistic examples, this happened often enough that it was common knowledge among harbor boaters, and they were very distressed about it...after all, it could be anyone of us in need of immediate help!



My husband and I wrote a monthly publication for harbor boaters – *The Crews News*. Using the “Freedom of Information Act” and at the request of one of the Legacy Officers who was so concerned that someone was going to die or be seriously hurt when there was no response suggested that I request from OPD the number of tickets, warning citations, or recorded incidents were written by HP officers outside of the harbor during the previous year, 2018. Much to my surprise, OPD complied! From field interviews, arrests, citations, arrests for “outside warrants,” and traffic citations there were 1,064 total actions outside of the harbor district! One of the legacy officers explained to me that the time to write a ticket or warning was about 15 minutes, while investigating a crime, arresting someone, taking them to the Vista Jail and writing the report would be at the very least 2 hours! Figuring it out using this information indicated that there would be over 800 hours of documented time that slip-renters were paying for our Harbor Officers who were working on non-emergency incidents outside of the OSCHD! On the average at the time, OPD officers were paid at an average rate of \$41.00 per hour. 800 hours X \$41.00 works out to be a very conservative \$32,800 in Boater Bucks to supplement the OPD’s budget!

All of this explains why a petition requesting enhanced Marine Safety to be provided by a Harbor Patrol unit that included lifeguards/EMT training along with “seasoned” water-men with marine rescue and time-at-sea in all kinds of weather and wave conditions. They might even be US Coast Guard licensed. Hopefully unit members would eventually be expected to enhance proficiency by attending CA Division of Boating and Waterways classes. Besides being available when needed to help vessels and crews in distress, unit members should be walking docks getting to know boaters, inspecting vessels, patrolling in the Village, Harbor Beach and the harbor “green belt.” Because they are patrolling in a CA Special District, they are also expected to qualify as CA Peace Officers...training to follow! For example, California State Park Peace Officers are fully sworn California State Police Officers, with two sub-classifications, the Ranger and the Lifeguard. They often use the title of State Police Officer during enforcement contact, as many Park Rangers and Lifeguards within municipalities, counties and special districts are armed Peace Officers, with authority throughout the state, on and off duty, like the California State Park Peace Officers. Our original Harbor Patrol officers were also CA Peace Officers. They detained individuals and called OPD to come and assist them with the problems: drunk, on boats that aren’t theirs, or in boater bathrooms. Public safety is always the priority for Harbor Patrol Officers!



It is our opinion that the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District is in need of it's own independent Board of Directors that can focus all of their efforts on financial solvency, management of resources, establishment of various department's procedures and policies in conjunction with the harbor's "Blue Book." They should all have California Boaters Cards to demonstrate that they understand the basics of boating safety, seamanship and CA boating laws. To aid in communication, and public expectations, it might be helpful to have Harbor Directors each appointed by a City Counsel Member, or through an election. They should also be prepared to attend Harbor and Beached Advisory Committee meetings and to address the concerns, problems, and solutions discussed at the meetings.

Respectfully,  
Paul and Pat Gadbois



## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Carleen Southard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024 11:30 AM  
**To:** council@oceansideca.org; jatenza@oceansideca.org; jravitch@oceansideca.gov; Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Safety in Oceanside Harbor

Dear Decision Makers,

We have been slip renters [REDACTED] since 2002. In this time we have seen many changes to the management of the harbor. **The current situation to insure a safe harbor for ALL of the stakeholders IS NOT WORKING!!** The crimes are escalating and will only get worse if something is not done. The bat incident in the camping area could have happened in any of our parking lots.

I will be addressing the structure of the harbor management in a separate message, SAFETY is my number one concern and I am focusing on this for this email.

The contract for the private security company needs to be reviewed immediately and if they are not performing as they are contracted, a change needs to be made immediately. I do not believe the intention of hiring a private security company was to replace the Oceanside Police Department, I was under the impression they were to supplement the patrols with additional eyes and ears. We still and always have needed OPD in the harbor to do the things the Police are trained to do and have the authority to do, like patrol, educate and make arrests. I am most concerned with illegal and violent incidents that have been happening on land, in and around the harbor. The violence is escalating and I am not comfortable walking up to the restrooms or taking my dog up to grass when I am alone, unless the sun is shining. I also fear for the safety of the folks camping, or using the firepits at night.

Please get the bureaucratic nightmare straightened out before the violence escalates any further. The safety of the stakeholders using these beautiful resources in and around our harbor should not be in jeopardy because of a staffing issue. Oceanside Harbor is well within city limits and in need of a Police presence. Please focus on figuring this out, this is not a new department in the City, Harbor and Beaches have been part of the City for a very long time and are a valuable resource to the City.

Sincerely,  
Carleen Southard

[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Rusty Russell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 8:33 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District

Michaela A. Peters  
LAFCO

Dear Michaela,

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm writing to express my growing concerns about the current state of the oceanside harbor and the challenges it faces due to recent changes in its security and management.

As a member of the Harbor Board Advisory Committee (HBAC), I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact of the city's decision to eliminate the dedicated harbor patrol, replacing it with private security and consolidating services with the Oceanside Police. This shift has led to an increase in violent incidents and unchecked behavior, particularly near the boat launch ramp.

I know you are aware of the recent baseball bat attack, and unfortunately, the situation continues to escalate. This past Saturday night, there was a stabbing with multiple victims. In addition, reckless activities such as cars doing donuts in the parking lot are becoming more frequent. When I called to report this, the police responded but remained in their vehicles and addressed the situation only via their PA system, which did little to curb the dangerous behavior.

I strongly believe we need to return to the original structure of having a dedicated harbor patrol and harbor police. Since the consolidation with the Oceanside Police, resources are frequently being pulled away from the harbor to serve other parts of the city. From where my boat is located, I often see police cars speeding down North Harbor Drive to respond to water emergencies, which is a clear indication that our harbor is being left vulnerable.

Another major concern is the allocation of funds collected from slip renters. It seems that the city is diverting these funds to pay for items outside the harbor, which is preventing necessary repairs and maintenance from being completed within the harbor district. To ensure the harbor remains self-sustaining and able to address its unique needs, I believe there needs to be a clearer separation between the city and the Oceanside Harbor. This would allow for proper funding allocation and the repairs that are desperately needed to maintain the harbor's infrastructure.

The harbor is a vital part of our community, and its current state is not only unsustainable but potentially dangerous. I hope we can work together to make the necessary changes to restore the safety, security, and long-term viability of this important resource.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rusty Russell  
Sliprenter  
HBAC board member

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Mermaid Island Tours [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 8:40 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor comments

To Those that may concern,

As a 20-year slip renter and owner of a Marina Del Mar condominium, I have witnessed the dramatic changes in our community over the years. Reflecting on the early 2000s, I remember the pervasive issues of gangs, crime, and drive-by shootings in Oceanside, culminating in the tragic death of a young boy in the harbor bathrooms. When the harbor was granted its own police force, these problems were effectively addressed. The police presence was constant and reassuring; officers patrolled the harbor and docks, and their visibility made the area feel safe—almost like Mr. Rogers' neighborhood.

Unfortunately, the current situation is starkly different. Because we no longer have our own police force in the Harbor District. The harbor now feels more like the setting of "Escape from New York/ Friday the 13" with the growing presence of homeless individuals, ex-prisoners, psychiatric patients, and gang members, thieves, and gypsies occupying sidewalks, benches, parking lots, and the beach. This situation has led to defaced and stolen property, frightened children and tourists, and increased violence, stabbings, and beatings. I pray we Have our own harbor police presence before another death occurs here. Reckless driving is rampant, and despite a sign warning of strict enforcement, there is seldom any police presence to address any of these issues. The only time I see officers is during their brief morning coffee visits to Nautical Bean coffee shop once every 2 weeks or so, or well after a crime scene.

Marina Del Mar condos have also become a target, overrun with vagrants and squatters due to the absence of a dedicated police force in the Harbor.

Many women in our community no longer feel safe walking alone in the harbor after dark or using the locked bathrooms for slip renters.

For the safety of residents, tourists, and to restore the city's reputation, we urgently need a dedicated, reliable Harbor police force to ensure the harbor is once again a secure and welcoming place.

Sincere gratitude for your efforts on behalf of the Oceanside Harbor Community. ,

Bryn Starr Best

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** shirley mcculloch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 7:14 AM  
**To:** J.Borrego@oceansideca.org; Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside North Harbor Safety.

Dear J. Borrego & Michaela Peters:

Please note the safety concerns at North Harbor call for some changes in the lack of security.

Possibly, the Oceanside Slip Renters could manage their own boat slip renters fee & hire private security team.

Maybe installing gate on North Pacific at Del Mar Condo & close boat launch ramp at sunset & re-open at sunrise.

Only let in vehicles who have proof of camping permit for North Harbor.

Bring Back USCG to help with Panga Boat problem....as there have been several document incidents of trafficking illegal aliens into Oceanside Harbor.

Guns & Drugs often go along with trafficking of individuals across borders.

These suggestions have been made previously at the Oceanside Slip Renters meetings....but the problem is getting worse.

Since 2009 I have been Boat Slip Renter & the security issues are definitely getting worse.

Time for Boat Slip Renters to manage the harbor ourselves, & hire needed security folks & re-Open Jolly Roger & collect rent from Restaurant.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shirley Neely McCulloch  
[REDACTED]

**Peters, Michaela A**

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**From:** Lori Shannon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 11:48 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor

I am a resident of Marina Del Mar as well as a slip renter [REDACTED] in the harbor. The safety of our harbor is a major concern. There have been several incidents of homeless people and crime in the harbor. Our rental fees continue to rise while the services provided have declined.

What is needed is a larger presence of law enforcement as a deterrent to those wishing to cause harm to our community. If the harbor is the "jewel" of our community, we should treat it as such.

I respectfully request that the city provide more safety to our area to continue to thrive as a vacation destination for all. If we do not get a handle on this situation, Oceanside will go back to having the bad reputation for crime as it did many years ago and no one will want to come to our community to spend their money.

Thank you,

**Lori Shannon**

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## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Kim Plehn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 12:41 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Harbor Crime

To Michaela, my name is Kim Plehn and I own a condo at the Marina Del Mar complex, in the Oceanside Marina. I am writing to you today with grave concern. Recently there was a stabbing of a man on the beach, adjacent to our home. I have witnessed a rise in the homeless population surrounding the Oceanside Marina. At Marina Del Mar, the homeless have been climbing the security gates that surround our pool, and using the Jacuzzi to bathe. The homeless have stolen bicycles within the complex, and defecated in the stairwells. I no longer feel safe, dining and shopping in our once beloved Harbor establishments. Especially with the upcoming daylight savings time change, it is just not safe in the Oceanside Harbor after dark. I am requesting the City of Oceanside to establish the Marinas own police department. I am requesting the City of Oceanside regulate the funding for additional Police Patrol of the Oceanside harbor and Marina. I am requesting the City of Oceanside convene a task force to address the increase of crime and homeless population in the Harbor. The harbor needs these resources immediately. The developers and investors surrounding the pier developments, should be required to help off set the cost. After all, they surely want to recoup the profit they have sunk into the pier development, and if Oceanside is no longer safe, and therefore undesirable, it serves no one. Thank you, sincerely Kim Plehn [REDACTED]



## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Alesia Foster [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 8:13 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Safety in our harbor

Hi, we've had a boat down in Oceanside Harbor since 2017. We are very concerned with what has been going on down there. We used to see the police patrol the harbor and have a presence and we felt safe. Now we have homeless everywhere, people threatening others, sleeping on benches, stealing things from the docks, sneaking on boats, and recently attacks with baseball bat, gangs and last week a stabbing. Is there anyone that wants to take control of this situation? We live in the Temecula area and come down on the weekends to enjoy the harbor and our boat. We pay quite a bit of money to be able to do this and would expect the city to do something to keep its residents safe. Please advise on your plans to take care of this. You have a lot of very angry boat owners that are demanding something be done.

Alesia Foster  
[REDACTED]



## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Tim Milam [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 9:31 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor Slip Renter Comment

Dear Ms Peters,

Current and past governing has not worked. Autonomy is the answer. Please listen to slip renters.

Thanks in advance,

Tim Milam, [REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Rhonda Lawson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 9:50 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside harbor

Sent from my iPhone

My husband and I have owned a boat [REDACTED] for over 13 years.  
We are not absentee owners. We are in the harbor on the boat every weekend at a minimum.

Since the harbor police/patrol has been disbanded, there has been a notable increase in violent crimes and petty crimes such as graffiti and theft.

Slip renters do not feel safe walking our dogs or even using the slip renter restrooms after dark.

These problems can be directly connected to the non presence of harbor police and harbor patrol. And the NON RESPONSE of Oceanside police department to any call placed to them regarding incidents in the harbor.

The high fees we pay to slip our boats should be kept in the harbor to pay for the safety and upkeep on the harbor and the docks.

The fees should be used for a harbor master not a manager.

Oceanside harbor should be a separate independent district with an independent budget and professional staff.

Rhonda Lawson  
[REDACTED]

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Dave Lawson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 10:12 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Future of Oceanside Harbor and Management  
**Attachments:** IMG\_5802.jpg

Dear Michaela,

I'm writing to you in regards to the LAFCO report concerning the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District.

I am a slip permit holder for more than thirteen years in Oceanside Harbor. The harbor is such a fantastic place to spend time with friends and family.

In reading through the LAFCO report I find agreement with recommendations for the Oceanside SCHD and the action items as listed in the attached report.

Recently we have experienced many issues with violence, crime, vagrants, trespassing and illegal immigrant smuggling. It's out of control and it is time to put the harbor back under its own management.

The police do the best they can with response but it's not the same as having a designated Harbor Police. Currently we have no police on the water and only Lifeguards who spend most of their time out of the harbor and have no enforcement authority.

The unauthorized redistricting of the Harbor to include the beach's and pier all the way down to Carlsbad needs to be investigated and undone immediately. Harbor dollars should stay in the Harbor.

Thank you for your help and consideration and thank you LAFCO.

Kind Regards,

Dave Lawson  
Permit Holder

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Shari Mackin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2024 5:56 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor -

Hi Michaela,

I am a former council member for the City of Oceanside and a person who LOVES our Harbor, Parks and Beaches. I want to thank you for your recommendations to the Harbor Lessees', many I know personally and have the utmost respect for.

I'm including some information from a timeline I found wherein it discusses how the City annexed the Harbor District and became officially part of the City of Oceanside:

In 1993, the Oceanside Harbor District was annexed by the City of Oceanside and all District employees became City employees, including the Oceanside Harbor Police. In 1999, Point Hobart was decommissioned and the Oceanside Harbor Police became the only rescue vessels between Dana Point Harbor and Mission Bay. Currently, the Oceanside Police Harbor Unit remains the primary response vessel for over 37 miles of coastline, assisting in mutual aid calls for service from San Mateo Point to Del Mar.

Nowhere on the City's website is the Harbor or any of its amenities referred to as within the Harbor "District", rather merely called the "Oceanside Harbor or Harbor" <https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/government/public-works/harbor> ; however, the only place I have found "Harbor District" used is on the City Council Agenda listing the City Council as Directors of the Harbor District. I do know that council members are "paid" as Directors of the Harbor, but in all honesty, they do not treat the harbor as a separate "District" until they are seeking funding:

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Chris Taunt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2024 3:17 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] LAFCO comments about Oceanside harbor[SUSPECTED SPAM]

Hello,

I just have one comment about the city's operation of Oceanside harbor.

I want the city to stop stealing the harbors money and using it for anything they desire.

It is clear to me, after 17 years in the harbor , that the city is stealing our money.

They have done little to no repairs or serious maintenance on anything in the harbor for a very long time. I am worried someone is going to get seriously hurt by the current condition of the docks and ramps especially.

I find it interesting that the city refuses to provide any accounting for the funds the harbor generates.

Thank you!



## **CITY OF OCEANSIDE AGENDA**

**Joint Meetings of the Oceanside City Council, Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District Board of Directors (HDB), Oceanside Community Development Commission (CDC), and Oceanside Public Financing Authority (OPFA)**

**September 25, 2024**

Council Chambers  
300 North Coast Highway  
Oceanside, CA 92054

So, my question is, why is the Harbor a "District"? The bonds were paid off to repay taxpayer debt. Also, the City owns a lot of land they lease to the public, why is the difference at the Harbor? I realize being on State Tidelands is a different animal, but I don't see why the district is still necessary.

The reason I ask, the City uses Measure X funds for infrastructure, public safety, etc. <https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/government/financial-services/measure-x-sales-tax> Shouldn't the Harbor be able to seek Measure X funding for infrastructure and public safety too?

I really appreciate your work on this project.

I look forward to your thoughts on the matter.

Thank you again,

Shari Mackin  
760-908-9849

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** J J [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2024 12:03 AM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Comment on LAFCO Draft MSR re: Harbor District

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello Michaela,

I attended the August 19, 2024 meeting and appreciated your presentation of LAFCO's draft Municipal Service Review and discussion after the meeting. I have studied the document and have briefly outlined my comments below.

I have rented a slip in Oceanside Harbor for the past 5 years. One of the reasons I chose this Harbor, besides its beauty, simplicity and welcoming "humble" (middle class) boaters, was the safety and security provided by a consistent police presence throughout the day and night on Harbor drive. Almost every time I was outside my boat I saw a police vehicle drive by or be parked somewhere at the Harbor.

For some unfortunate reason, our Harbor lost its police patrol a couple years ago. My first and foremost comment is that I/we need our own Harbor Police to return to their previous functions. As the MSR states, under CA state law, Oceanside Harbor District's legal authorization to provide patrol functions remains active today. I ask the LAFCO commissioners to advise Oceanside City to return the Harbor police to SCHED as soon as possible.

Secondly, I firmly agree with LAFCO recommendation 9, that SCHED should make great efforts to publicly distinguish its role as a stand-alone government entity separate from the City of Oceanside. I ask the Commissioners to redesignate SCHED as an "independent Harbor District," no longer a "special district" that is part of the City's Public Works Department, subject to city management. As an independent Harbor District, our current Harbor manager should be renamed the Harbor Master (not a "manager") as all harbors have traditionally employed Harbor Masters to manage its own budget, accounting, territory and police functions. That is the expertise and job of a Harbor Master who is the authority and director of US harbors which are federal waterways and international borders.

In comment to LAFCO's recommendation 10, I urge the commissioners to advise the SCHED to issue a MOU that clearly states that the Independent Harbor District will manage its own budget, accounting, territory, and police patrol and rescue functions under the direction and authority of the Harbor Master.

In summary, I strongly urge the Commissioners to facilitate the SCHED to establish our own independent Harbor District (separate from a city department's control), our own Harbor master (not a "manager" directed by a city bureaucrat), our own Harbor police patrol and rescue (with guns to provide safety and security), our own Harbor budget, experienced staff and accountant under the direction of our Harbor Master, and our slip fees and other harbor income to be used SOLELY for the beach and services WITHIN the SCHED territory (not for beaches outside the Harbor).

Thank you for this very encouraging Service Review. I look forward to following up to help make these valuable changes to the current situation in our Harbor where at this very moment we have absolutely no police presence to provide safety and security for us or our visitors.

Sincerely,  
Jane Dillon

## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** J J <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2024 1:11 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Comments on LAFCO draft MSR  
**Attachments:** IMG\_2737.heic

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Michaela,

I have personally talked this week with more than 40 slip renters and visitors to the harbor about LAFCO draft Municipal Service Report recommendations.

Each person I have spoken with agreed wholeheartedly with the ACTION comments in the attached flyer that has been posted around the harbor.

Please include this email and flyer as part of my comments on LAFCO final MSR recommendations that you will present to the Commission in October.

We feel it is very important that the Commissioners know how serious and widespread our concerns are.

Thank you again.

Jane Dillon  
SCHD slip renter

Sent from my iPhone



## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Jeffery Nering [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2024 9:10 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] OHD Comments.

Michaela,

Hi. I am writing you submitting following comments for your consideration in response to a proposal for Oceanside Harbor's relationship to City of Oceanside as a governing body in a different way to how it is currently being handled.

I am a Longtime Harbor community member: over 25 years. I have noticed changes since City re-organization efforts that started with the Local Police the State, and most recently with the lifeguards appointment.

The harbor is unique in so many ways, from the way in which it was created and supported by the Federal government, to how it is the only port harbor for like 60 miles in a highly congested area.

As such, we receive illegal aliens from watercraft on the Ocean and a cross section of America from the highways to our beaches.

In my opinion, the Current situation has gotten rather silly and definitely less effective. If there is a better way possible, I am willing to provide support to such an effort to craft a better solution.

Examples of issues for consideration include:

US Border Patrol currently has to operate independently of the City patrols in the harbor. I do not understand why this is the case given the US Army Corps of engineers jurisdictional property lines.

Also, Recently, the lifeguards awkward supplantation is simultaneously leaving roles unsatisfied while simultaneously inventing roles unneeded.

Lifeguards basically joyriding "rescue" vessels at public expense.

Example: No harbor i know of on the CA coast puts as many hours on their craft as these new lifeguard positions. They are going out almost every day. Like they think they are playing Baywatch. As if they think they are conducting lifeguard duty, when it's well established that watercraft lifeguard assistance is in reality limited to recovery.

Four guys outside the breakers burning fuel jumping waves offshore is NOT beach lifeguarding.

But I digress.

I am a retired civil servant. So I may have time to lend a hand.

I am a member and representative of Navy Yacht Club San Diego here at the harbor, coordinating such things as unexpected stopovers for club vessels transiting the local SoCal coastal waters.

I call Oceanside Harbor my family's home. I have standing and want to see a better solution.

If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Jef Nering



## Peters, Michaela A

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**From:** Joe Bradley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2024 8:06 PM  
**To:** Peters, Michaela A  
**Subject:** [External] Oceanside Harbor Comments

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Joe Bradley. I have rented a slip in Oceanside Harbor for 3 1/2 years. I love the harbor. The harbor is our weekend getaway. We look at it as our “little bit of Heaven”. In the last three and a half years I have seen things deteriorate at the harbor. Thefts are on the increase. The homeless issue has gotten out of hand. Gang activity and violence has increased at the harbor. It devastates me to say that we no longer feel safe at our “little bit of Heaven”. Something needs to be done to remedy this situation.

I believe that the following need to occur:

- 1) The Oceanside Harbor needs to be an “Independent Harbor District.
- 2) The Oceanside Harbor needs its own independent HARBOR MASTER- not a “Harbor Manager” controlled by the city.
- 3) The Oceanside Harbor needs its own Harbor Police Patrol and Rescue. They need to be armed and present in order to provide for the safety and security of those that use the harbor.
- 4) The Oceanside Harbor needs its own harbor budget. It needs its own accountant and staff operating under the oversight and control of the Harbor Master.

Please consider the above recommendations as a way to have the Oceanside Harbor be safe, secure, and efficient. Please help Oceanside Harbor be a “little bit of Heaven” for all of those that frequent the harbor.

Thank you very much for reading my concerns and considering my thoughts and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Bradley