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Ms. Linda Alexander, President  
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
1840 S. Gaffey Street, Box 212  
San Pedro, California 90731

Dear Ms. Alexander:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) received your correspondence representing the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council requesting the reallocation of budget funds for re-opening the Harbor Area Jail Facility. The LAPD appreciates the interest and support from the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council in this endeavor.

The City of Los Angeles' economic situation required budget cuts from City funded entities and agencies. The budget cuts included the LAPD. The reduced budget prevented the LAPD from hiring and training personnel for its jail operations. As a result, the LAPD was forced to close five of its seven area jail facilities and unfortunately that included Harbor Area Jail.

The LAPD has worked closely with the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council to identify funding options. It is anticipated that as the economy continues to improve, it will provide the resources that will allow the LAPD to re-open our closed area jail operations.

I have directed Commander John Sherman, Assistant to the Director, Office of Special Operations, to coordinate a meeting with you and Ms. Olive Reed, President of Harbor City Neighborhood Council, to discuss the matter and answer any additional questions you may have. Captain David Lindsay, Commanding Officer, Jail Division, will also be included in the meeting.

Again, thank you for your interest and support. If you have any questions, please contact Captain David Lindsay, Commanding Officer, Jail Division, at (213) 356-3450.

Very truly yours,



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