

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 15, 2015

**To:** Harbor Commission

**From:** Scott Riedman, Waterfront Director

**Subject:** **Five-Year Lease Agreement for a 547 square foot public Visitor Center located on the third floor of the Waterfront Center Building at 113 Harbor Way.**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Harbor Commission review and recommend to the City Council approval of a five-year lease agreement with the National Park Service, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, and the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum for a 547 square foot public Visitor Center located on the third floor of the Waterfront Center Building at 113 Harbor Way.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The National Park Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, and the Waterfront Department proposed, designed, and constructed the Visitor Center in the former radio room located on the third floor of the Waterfront Center Building back in 2000. The Visitor Center is open to the public free of charge, and provides marine and environmental education, focusing on the area of the Channel Islands National Park and the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the National Park Service staff and Maritime Museum volunteers operate the center and provide information to the public about these national resources and how to access them.

The Visitor Center provides the public with an educational opportunity, complements the other uses in the building and the Harbor Commercial Area, provides greater exposure for the Harbor Commercial Area, and has been a model of intergovernmental cooperation in an effort to benefit the general public. Continuing with the current lease rate of \$0 is a reasonable approach considering that the Visitor Center is open to the public, is free of charge, does not generate direct revenues, and is staffed by volunteers.

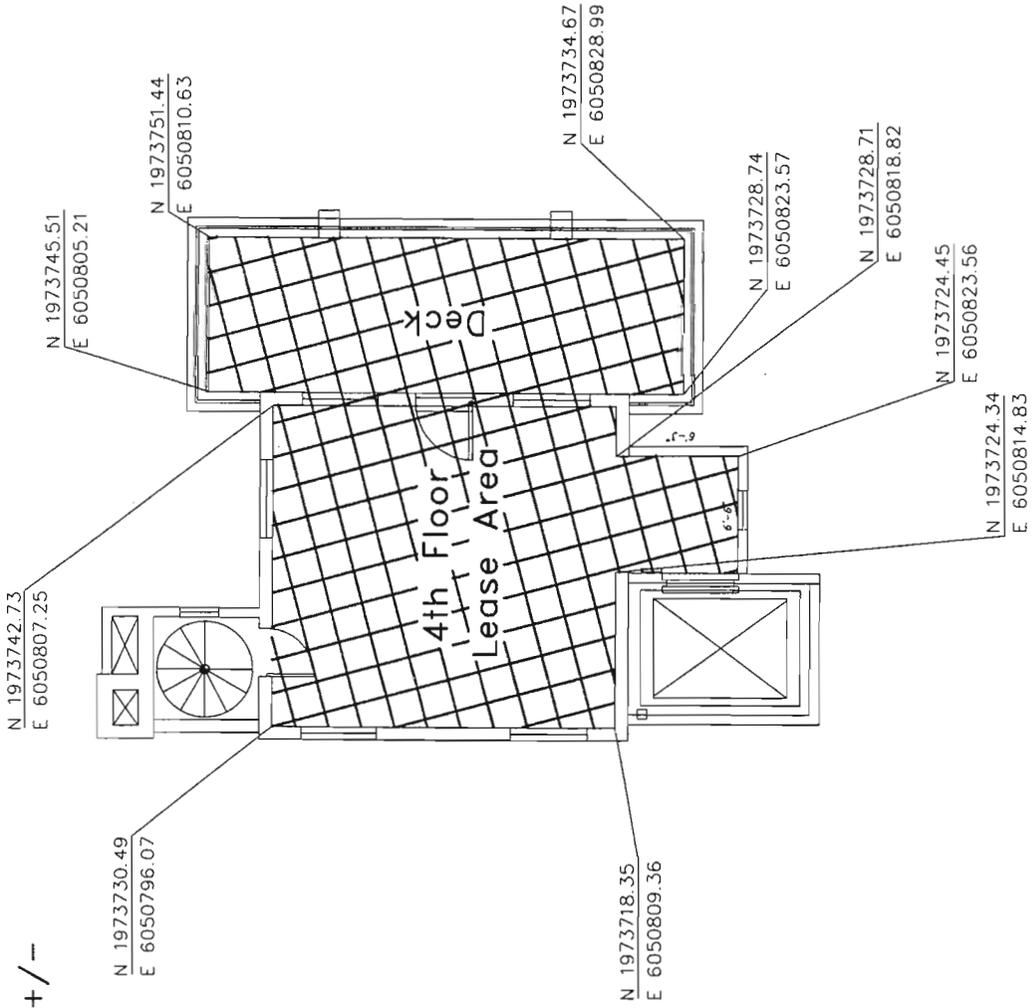
Attachment: Site Map

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Waterfront  
Center  
Building  
113

Visitor Center  
4th Floor Lease Area

547 sq.ft. +/-



Visitor Center  
Lease Area

Scale	1" = 1'
Date	11/18/02
Project No.	113 HARBOR WAY - 4th Floor
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