

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 16, 2021
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **West Beach Storage Permit Fee Waiver For Chumash Tomol Canoe**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Harbor Commission discuss waiving the \$275 annual West Beach Storage Permit fee for a Chumash Tomol Canoe, as requested by representatives of the Chumash; and forward a recommendation on the fee waiver to City Council.

DISCUSSION:

The Waterfront Department utilizes a portion of West Beach, which is reserved for the storage of outrigger canoes, sailboats, rowing dories, and surf skis. The use of this space is managed through a permit program overseen by the Waterfront Department. Applicants apply for a permit, pay associated fees, and receive the right to store, and use, their equipment in the designated area while following the program guidelines.

In July 2021, the Coastal Chumash Community placed a wooden Tomol Canoe in the above referenced outrigger canoe area on West Beach and have requested the annual permit fee of \$275 to be waived. As Waterfront fees are established by resolution as a part of the annual budget process, and ultimately approved by Council, it is not possible to administratively waive fees for specific groups.

The Waterfront Department is requesting Harbor Commission input on the matter, which will be forwarded to Council to assist in their decision.

It should be noted that there is currently space available for the Tomol Canoe within the West Beach permit area. Additionally, the Waterfront Department has held off on citing or removing the Tomol Canoe until this issue is resolved.

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