



**Written Public Comments Submitted For:
Harbor Commission Meeting Of August 19, 2021**



Dear Harbor commissioners,

8/19/2021

The Chumash community, in particular the community that is involved with our iconic symbol the Tomol, are celebrating our 20-year anniversary of our crossing of the Santa Barbara channel in recent history.

We the Captains of the Tomol, Reggie Pagalin, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Steve Villa, Barbareño Chumash Tribal Council (BCTC), Marcus V.O. Lopez, BCTC, and Marcus Lopez Sr., BCTC, are requesting a site for our Tomol in the area next to the Santa Barbara harbor landing. We have spoken to Mr. Engebretson, Harbor Operations Manager about this matter. He has informed us that there is a fee to place the Tomol on the beach.

We are requesting that the Tomol fees be waived. It would be a gesture of good faith if the city waives the fees. We have formed a good relationship in recent years, and this gesture would go far in nurturing this relationship and making it stronger going forward.

If the Harbor Commission agrees to waive these fees, it would be greatly appreciated by the Chumash community.

Thank you Tomol Captians

Reggie Pagalin

Steve Villa

Marcus V.O. Lopez

Marcus Lopez (Sr.)