



CITY OF
Palos Verdes Estates

OFFICE OF
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Via Email and U.S. Mail

RE: Letter of June 6, 2016

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

As you are fully aware, the City of Palos Verdes Estates has been actively reviewing and investigating the issues associated with the patio structure in Lunada Bay. Staff efforts in this regard began before Coastal Commission staff's inquiry and before the lawsuit alleging Coastal Act violations arising from the patio structure. The patio is apparently a very old structure and its removal may threaten the stability of the adjacent bluff. The complexity of the situation has presented no easy or immediate answer. In City staff's conversations with you and through meeting in your office and at the site of the patio structure, both at the City's request, we have emphasized our commitment to resolving this matter as soon as reasonably possible. In these meetings, we also appreciate that Coastal Commission staff has supported our efforts and, in turn, served as a resource toward developing an appropriate plan. And as discussed, we are counting on your continued involvement, in partnership, as we work toward a mutually acceptable resolution.

City staff is evaluating alternatives for addressing the patio structure; a geotechnical overview is underway to determine the options and specifications for removal of the patio structure. Final decisions must await the results of this geotechnical overview. We estimate that September 2016 will be the soonest that recommendations for the patio structure will be presented to the City Council for direction. With City Council direction in September, the permitting process for any decision will follow; it will commence with a Planning Commission public hearing, potentially on October 18, 2016. In the meantime, the City is also implementing a beach clean-up in the area.

We appreciate your support of our on-going efforts to preserve the pristine, natural condition of the coastline that provides for public use and enjoyment of Lunada Bay, and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

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Sincerely,



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