

Before you approve the amendment to extend this lease, we would like you to be aware of some troubling facts.

First, this particular apartment complex, whether under the name of Harbor Villas, Paz Mar Select, Bahia Apartments, has over time privatized and blocked public access to public walkways and areas through the erection of unpermitted locked gates.

What is troubling is that over the past 13 years, the County Harbor Department has taken no action to remedy this erosion of public access by unpermitted gating.

The former Harbor Director, Lynn Krieger, promised at a Coastal Commission hearing that the walkway would stay open and signage would be placed to indicate the walkway was not private.

The previous Harbor Director, Mark Sandoval, though notified by the Commission, that Commission staff had visited the site multiple times and on each visit have observed locked gates preventing any public access, did nothing.

The public's on-going objections to the blocking of public access are ignored.

Taking no action is not an option for the Board that believes public access is an essential principle at Channel Islands Harbor.

Another troubling fact, this apartment complex does not provide adequate tenant parking. This is evident by their tenants' use of the nearby public parking lot for free unpermitted overnight parking.

This privatization over time by apartment operators of public walkways and on-going use of public parking lots for tenant overnight parking must stop.

We ask the Board to direct the Harbor Department to remedy these violations to public access. We ask this request be of public record.

Thank you.

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