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Subject: Letter of Support — San Clemente Lifeguard & Junior Guard Foundation Art on Public Property Proposal

Dear City Manager Hall,

I am writing on behalf of the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce to express our organization's support for the San Clemente Lifeguard & Junior Guard Foundation's proposal to locate a community sculpture representing the City's 90-plus year commitment to beach and ocean safety at Parque Del Mar.

This unique piece of public art will be a place for residents and visitors alike to celebrate the City's commitment to beach and ocean safety and the professionalism of all the ocean lifeguards that have served beachgoers throughout the years and those that will serve in the years to come.

The City and our Lifeguard Department are certainly deserving of this recognition. Each year, more than 2.5 million people visit our beach. Our lifeguards perform more than 2,000 rescues and administer first aid and provide other assistance to more than 100,000 beachgoers each year. Since the founding of the lifeguard service in 1931, our lifeguards have rescued well over 100,000 swimmers from treacherous rip currents and other ocean hazards. As a testimony to their professionalism, our Lifeguard Department has an enviable record of more than 45 years without a drowning on a guarded beach.

We have met with the Foundation and have reviewed their proposal and are convinced that the proposed sculpture will be a magnificent addition to our community. We wholeheartedly support the proposed sculpture and recommend that the City Council approve the Foundation's proposal when it comes before them for consideration.

Sincerely,

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