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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
TITLE 2 – ADMINISTRATION – OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
TITLE 6 – SALARIES
TITLE 19 – AIRPORTS AND HARBORS
TO RENAME THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SMALL CRAFT HARBOR COMMISSION TO THE MARINA DEL REY HARBOR COMMISSION
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) is requesting your Board to approve an ordinance to amend Title 2 – Administration, Title 6 – Salaries, and Title 19 – Airports and Harbors, of the Los Angeles County Code (County Code) to reflect the name change from the Small Craft Harbor Commission to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission and set forth a new sunset date of July 1, 2030.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this Board letter; and

2. Introduce, waive reading, and place the ordinance on a subsequent agenda for adoption.

3. Approve the ordinance to amend sections of Title 2 – Administration, Title 6 – Salaries, and Title 19 – Airports and Harbors, of the County Code (see Enclosure A with a list of all County Code sections) to reflect the name change from the Small Craft Harbor Commission (SCHC) to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission and set forth a new sunset review date of July 1, 2030.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

SCHC was created to advise your Board and DBH on matters related to the operation, development, maintenance, and use of Marina del Rey, as well as associated policies affecting the harbor, tenants, residents, and visitors (County Code Section 2.116.030 et al.) While these responsibilities are clearly defined in the County Code, the current name of SCHC does not express the complete duties of the commission and implies its primary purpose is to oversee boating and water activities. The proposed name change highlights the commission's role in all matters related to Marina del Rey.

Further, this is especially important as DBH leads the County's Marina del Rey for All Initiative, introduced by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and approved by your Board in July 2022. Through this initiative, the County is conducting a comprehensive, long-range planning effort to evaluate the best and highest use of County-owned real estate and water assets in the unincorporated area of Marina del Rey. Members of the public are encouraged to attend SCHC meetings to learn about Marina del Rey, receive updated information on leases, developments, and programming, and provide their input on reimagining the marina.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan North Star 3 – "Realize Tomorrow's Government Today" – ensures we provide increased transparency and accessibility to government services and communication, and ensure stakeholder engagement in policy development.

The proposed name change to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission will provide increased transparency to the public as to the true purpose of the commission and will make it easy for the public to understand the role the commission plays in Marina del Rey.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended amendments to the ordinance to change the name of a commission has no fiscal impact on the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On September 10, 2025, the SCHC voted unanimously to rename the SCHC to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission. On January 14, 2026, the SCHC sent a letter to the Board requesting the Board's consideration of the proposal to rename the SCHC to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the enclosed ordinance as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines as they are organizational or administrative activities of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No impact on current services or projects is expected. Efforts to implement the proposed amendment to the County Code will be handled during the normal course of business. The SCHC will continue to serve as an advisory group to DBH on beach related matters and otherwise fulfill its purpose, which is defined in the ordinance as follows: “The object of the Commission is to consider and from time to time make recommendations to the Director of DBH and to the Board on beach-related matters.”

Respectfully submitted,

GARY JONES

Director

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Enclosures

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County Counsel
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Enclosure A

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 2 – Administration, Title 6 – Salaries, and Title 19 – Airports and Harbors of the Los Angeles County Code to change all references from the Small Craft Harbor Commission to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission to reflect the name change of the Small Craft Harbor Commission to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission and set forth a new sunset date of July 1, 2030.

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Requested: 04/17/26

Revised: 08/04/26

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 2 – Administration, Title 6 – Salaries, and Title 19 – Airports and Harbors of the Los Angeles County Code to change all references from the Small Craft Harbor Commission to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission to reflect the name change of the Small Craft Harbor Commission to the Marina del Rey Harbor Commission and set forth a new sunset date of July 1, 2030.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.116.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.030 ~~Small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission—Continued.

The Small Craft Harbor Commission (formerly known as the ~~b~~Beaches and ~~h~~Harbors ~~c~~Commission) is continued and renamed the ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission, referred to in this ~~c~~Chapter as the "~~c~~Commission." All references in the Los Angeles County Code and in any other County ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, policy, contract, or other official document, to the "Small Craft Harbor Commission" are hereby amended to read "Marina del Rey Harbor Commission" and shall be interpreted as referring to the "Marina del Rey Harbor Commission," unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

SECTION 2. Section 2.116.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.040 ~~Small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission—Qualifications.

Only those persons who are well qualified by training and experience in one or more of the following fields of activity shall be eligible for appointment to membership on the ~~c~~Commission:

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SECTION 3. Section 2.116.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.050 ~~Small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission—Composition.

A. The ~~c~~Commission shall have five positions. A member of the ~~c~~Commission shall be appointed to a vacant position by, and serve at the pleasure of, the ~~b~~Board of ~~s~~Supervisors, which shall be referred to in this ~~c~~Chapter as the "~~b~~Board." Members of the ~~c~~Commission shall be residents of Los Angeles County and shall have the qualifications stated in Section 2.116.040.

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SECTION 4. Section 2.116.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.060 ~~Small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission—Organization—Rules and ~~r~~Regulations.

The ~~c~~Commission shall elect a chairman and secretary from the members thereof, each of whom shall serve for one year and thereafter until ~~his~~their successor is elected. The ~~c~~Commission may prepare and adopt, subject to the approval of the

~~b~~Board ~~of supervisors~~, rules and regulations for the internal government of its business, and shall designate the time and place of holding its meetings.

SECTION 5. Section 2.116.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.070 ~~Small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission—Length of ~~s~~Service—Vacancy.

The provisions of this ~~s~~Section shall become applicable to a position on the ~~c~~Commission at the expiration of the term of the member occupying that position ~~on the effective date of the amendment codified in this section~~.

A. Each member of the ~~c~~Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~b~~Board. Each position on the ~~c~~Commission shall become vacant every four years from the date this amended ~~s~~Section becomes applicable to each position.

B. No member of the ~~c~~Commission may serve more than two consecutive full periods of service as specified in ~~s~~Subsection A of this ~~s~~Section. The ~~b~~Board may, by order, extend this length of service or waive this limit for individuals or the ~~c~~Commission as a whole.

C. A member's position on the ~~c~~Commission shall become vacant upon ~~his or her~~the member's death, resignation, or removal by the ~~b~~Board. In the case of such a vacancy, the ~~b~~Board shall appoint a successor to serve until the position next becomes vacant under ~~s~~Subsection A of this ~~s~~Section.

D. The provisions of Chapter 5.12 of the County Code shall not apply to the ~~c~~Commission.

SECTION 6. Section 2.116.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.080 ~~Small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission—One-~~m~~Member ~~m~~Meetings.

The ~~c~~Commission may hold meetings herein designated as "one-member meetings" at which one member only shall constitute a quorum, and if but one member is present ~~he~~the member may act. At such a one-member meeting, the member may sit as a hearing officer at hearings called and advertised by the ~~c~~Commission and transmit ~~his~~the member's findings and recommendations to the ~~c~~Commission. The ~~c~~Commission may not transact any other business or take any other action of any kind at a one-member meeting. Such a one-member meeting shall be deemed a meeting as the word "meeting" is used in Section 2.116.090 and in Section 614 of Ordinance 6222, entitled "salary ordinance of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles," adopted May 28, 1953, set out in Title 6 of this ~~c~~Code.

SECTION 7. Section 2.116.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.090 ~~Small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission—Compensation.

Each member of the ~~c~~Commission shall be paid $25~~.00~~ for each meeting of the ~~c~~Commission actually attended by ~~him~~the member, provided that no member of the ~~c~~Commission shall be compensated for attendance at more than 52 meetings in any one calendar year. The members of the ~~c~~Commission shall also be reimbursed for their actual and necessary traveling expenses when they are required to travel in the

performance of their duties, including transportation, meals, and lodging in accordance with the applicable provisions of Ordinance 4099.

SECTION 8. Section 2.116.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.100 ~~Small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission—Powers and ~~d~~Duties.

The ~~c~~Commission shall consider and from time to time make recommendations to the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors and to the Board ~~of Supervisors~~ upon the following:

A. The policies and procedures of the Department and the Board for the planning, financing, and development of small craft harbor and recreational areas, including the small craft harbor and recreational area at Playa del Rey known as the Marina del Rey;

B. The policies and procedures of the Department and the Board for the management and operation of ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey harbor properties, including leasing policies and procedures, the necessity and procedure for renegotiation of ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey harbor rentals, and similar matters affecting the leasing and the public use of ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey harbor properties;

C. The adequacy of rules and regulations established for the operation of ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey harbor areas, including operation and navigation of boats and public use of facilities therein;

D. Proposed leases, concessions, and other agreements relating to the ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey harbor properties and facilities ~~in Marina del Rey~~;

E. Upon request of the Board ~~of Supervisors~~, make recommendations concerning the minimum and maximum prices to be charged by ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey harbor lessees and concessionaires for goods or services supplied to the public; and

F. Such other matters as may be requested by the Board or the Department.

SECTION 9. Section 2.116.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.116.105 Sunset Review Date.

The sunset review date for the ~~Small Craft~~Marina del Rey Harbor Commission shall be July 1, ~~2024~~2030.

SECTION 10. Section 6.28.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.28.060 Table of ~~p~~Positions ~~w~~Without ~~c~~Compensation and ~~p~~Positions ~~p~~Paid in ~~a~~Accordance ~~w~~With ~~s~~Special ~~p~~Provisions in Chapters 6.02 – 6.24 and Division 3.

Item No.	Title
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9430	Memb., ~~Small Craft~~Marina del Rey Harbor Commission*
9431	Memb., ~~Sm.Craft~~Marina del Rey Harb. Design Contr. Bd.*
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SECTION 11. Section 6.42.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.42.010 Beaches—Positions.

ITEM NO.	NO. OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS	TITLE
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9430	5	MEMBER, ~~SMALL CRAFT~~MARINA DEL REY HARBOR COMM

ITEM NO.	NO. OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS	TITLE
9431	5	MBR, ~~SM CRAFT~~MARINA DEL REY HARB DESIGN CONTR BD
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SECTION 12. Section 6.42.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6.42.030 ~~Small Craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission.

Each member of the Los Angeles County ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commission (Item No. 9430) shall be entitled to receive as compensation the sum of $25~~.00~~ for each meeting of the ~~c~~Commission attended by ~~him~~the member, not to exceed 52 meetings in any one calendar year.

SECTION 13. Section 19.12.1060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19.12.1060 Unseaworthy ~~v~~Vessels.

A. No person shall secure or permit to be anchored or moored in a ~~c~~County harbor, waterway, or maritime facility a vessel of any kind whatsoever which is unseaworthy or in a badly deteriorated condition, or which is likely to sink or ~~to~~ damage docks, wharves, floats, and/or other vessels, or which may become a hazard to navigation.

B. The foregoing provisions of this ~~s~~Section regarding seaworthiness shall not be applicable to the following:

1. A vessel, whose mooring within the ~~Small Craft~~Marina del Rey Harbor on the effective date of the ordinance adding this ~~s~~Subsection to the ~~c~~Code has been previously approved by the owner and operator of the marina in which the vessel

is located, provided that this exemption shall expire 120 days following the effective date of the ordinance adding this ~~s~~Subsection, and further provided that such exemption shall immediately lapse if such vessel is abandoned by its then current owner at any time following the effective date of the ordinance adding this ~~s~~Subsection;

2. A floating home, whose mooring within the ~~Small Craft~~Marina del Rey Harbor on the effective date of the ordinance adding this ~~s~~Subsection to the ~~c~~Code has been previously approved by the owner and operator of the marina in which the floating home is located, provided the owner has registered the floating home as such with the harbor master within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance adding this ~~s~~Subsection, and further provided that such exemption shall expire if, at any time following the tenth anniversary of the effective date of the ordinance adding this ~~s~~Subsection, ownership of the floating home is transferred, and further provided that, the above notwithstanding, such exemption shall immediately lapse if the floating home is abandoned by its then current owner at any time following the effective date of the ordinance adding this ~~s~~Subsection. Additionally, such exemption shall immediately lapse if any material alteration, enlargement, or addition to a floating home is made. For purposes of this ~~s~~Section, "material alteration, enlargement, or addition" means any construction, reconstruction, or other work of any sort which in any way increases any of the exterior dimensions, specifically including the overall height of the floating home, or which otherwise increases the enclosed habitable area by more than five percent of the existing habitable area as of the effective date of the ordinance adding this sentence to this ~~s~~Subsection.~~*~~ The repair or replacement of structural elements or other portions of

the floating home with substantially equivalent materials shall not be considered a material alteration, enlargement, or addition, nor shall the installation of any device, improvement, or other item which is required to be installed solely by operation of any applicable law. For purposes of this ~~s~~Section, a transfer in ownership of a floating home shall be deemed to have occurred if the owner sells, conveys, or alienates the floating home, or any part thereof, or suffers his or her title, or any interest therein to be divested, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, or leases the floating home for a cumulative period of more than three years, including options to renew, or leases the floating home with an option to purchase, or in the event the owner of the floating home is a partnership, the interest of any general partner is assigned or transferred or his or her equity interest in the partnership is diluted in any manner whatsoever, or in the event the owner of the floating home is a corporation, more than 10 percent of the corporate stock thereof is sold, transferred or assigned, or in the event the owner of the floating home is a trust, there is a change of beneficial interest with respect to more than 10 percent of the floating home. However, notwithstanding the above, no change of ownership of a floating home shall be deemed to have occurred if a security interest in the floating home is conveyed in connection with the creation of a bona fide lien or other encumbrance on the floating home or if a joint tenant's interest in the floating home is transferred by devise, descent, or by operation of law upon the death of that joint tenant;

3. A vessel owned and operated by any agency of the federal government or a state, county, or city;

4. A vessel that is en route to or from its marina or dry storage area outside Marina del Rey and whose mooring within Marina del Rey does not exceed 90 days;

5. A new vessel that has not yet been launched, rigged, or equipped and is being held solely for sale by a broker/dealer who has previously been approved by the ~~c~~County to conduct such sales activities in the ~~Small Craft~~Marina del Rey Harbor;

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C. In the event that proof of seaworthiness, as described in this ~~c~~Chapter, of any vessel cannot be demonstrated to the harbor master at the time of any inspection, the harbor master shall issue a Notice to Comply which clearly identifies the area(s) in which the vessel is deemed to be unseaworthy and which further provides a compliance date by which the vessel's owner must return to the harbor master to demonstrate satisfactory correction of the deficiencies noted on the Notice to Comply. The harbor master and ~~d~~Director shall establish within 90 days of the effective date of this ordinance, and publicly distribute, a set of guidelines which provides standardized compliance periods, to the extent feasible, to be provided for the correction of deficiencies that may be noted in any Notice to Comply as described herein. The harbor master shall provide the applicable time periods contained in such guidelines in any Notice to Comply, unless the harbor master determines, in his discretion, that a longer time period should be provided for the particular vessel in question due to special circumstances.

D. In the event that the owner of any vessel who receives a Notice to Comply from the harbor master disagrees with the compliance period provided in such Notice, the owner may seek review of the length of the compliance period by submitting the matter, within five working days, on a form approved by the ~~d~~Director, to a seaworthiness compliance mediation committee for review.

1. A seaworthiness compliance mediation committee shall be composed of five members who shall serve without compensation at the discretion of the ~~d~~Director, four of whom shall have expertise in finances, boat repair, or boating and one of whom shall be a ~~small craft~~Marina del Rey ~~h~~Harbor ~~c~~Commissioner.

2. The seaworthiness compliance mediation committee shall convene as often as is necessary to review and resolve disputes regarding the length of the compliance period provided by the harbor master in a Notice to Comply issued pursuant to this ~~s~~Section.

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5. Failure of the owner of a vessel to demonstrate correction of any deficiency identified in a Notice to Comply issued to such owner within the compliance period contained in the Notice to Comply, as such period may be modified by a decision of the seaworthiness compliance mediation committee, shall be a violation of Part 6 of this ~~c~~Chapter.

~~* Editor's note: Ordinance 99-0016, which amends § 19.12.1060, is effective on April 9, 1999.~~

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