



DANA POINT BOATERS ASSOCIATION | PO BOX 461, DANA POINT, CA 92629-0461

March 17, 2018

James Lenthall
Chair, Dana Point Harbor Advisory Board

Jim Miller
Vice-chair, Dana Point Harbor Advisory Board

Gentlemen,

The Dana Point Boaters Association board of directors is requesting that you consider adding the following item to the agenda for the March 26 Dana Point Harbor Advisory Board meeting: *Dana Point Harbor Patrol funding and operations and their projected impact on the future financial viability of Tidelands Fund 108, in particular in the context of the Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Plan.*

Funding Dana Point harbor patrol is by far the single biggest routine expense from Fund 108, projected to cost approximately \$4.5 million in 2018. This expense is projected to increase dramatically over the next few years. In our assessment, the Dana Point Boaters Association believes that Fund 108 pays a disproportionate share of the Orange County Sheriff's Department's harbor and marine operations, significantly more than the actual cost of services provided to Dana Point Harbor. Further, we believe that the current model of harbor patrol operations in Dana Point Harbor may not be the most effective and efficient way to provide security to our harbor.

As the County of Orange prepares to enter into a contract with a private partner to assume the Harbor Revitalization Plan and operate our harbor for the next 66 years, we are concerned that harbor patrol funding will put the continued financial viability of Fund 108 at risk. As the developer seeks to recover their planned investment of as much as \$300 million to rebuild our harbor, and reasonably expects to turn a profit doing so, we believe the exorbitant and escalating costs of harbor patrol will necessitate seeking significant increases to boater and commercial tenant fees, or will undermine Fund 108's ability to accumulate reserves for future capital and operational needs. Either way, this portends a negative impact on our harbor community.

Consequently, we are asking the Dana Point Harbor Advisory Board to collaborate with the County of Orange to examine the funding and operations of Dana Point Harbor Patrol and their effect on the current and projected economics of our harbor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Alan Johnson
Secretary, Dana Point Boaters Association
