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California Coastal Commission
San Diego District Office
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Subject: **Request to Waive Time Limit for City of San Diego Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment No. LCP-6-BRL-26-0018-1 (Barrio Logan Community Plan)**

Dear Coastal Commissioners,

The City of San Diego appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed time extension for the Barrio Logan Community Plan Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment being requested by the Commission at its July 9, 2026, hearing. While City staff values our ongoing collaboration and communication with Coastal Commission staff regarding the LCP review process, **the City strongly opposes the request for a one-year time extension** for a simple application merely involving cleanup zoning amendments to ensure consistency with the City's certified LCP.

The amendment is a necessary administrative cleanup to align the Barrio Logan Community Plan and its underlying zoning. There are no significant changes, and most definitely no changes that would affect coastal resources in any adverse manner. Specifically, the amendment corrects designations for approximately 11.9 acres of land to "Park" and "Neighborhood Village," while rezoning 17.4 total acres to "Open Space Park," consistent with the certified LCP's vision for Barrio Logan.

These targeted updates, which ensure long-term opportunities for parks in an under-resourced community, are critical to:

- Clarify and secure zoning and land-use designations specifically intended for future park space.
- Fulfill community goals by protecting future recreational parklands identified in the adopted plan.

This amendment introduces no substantial or impactful land-use shifts; it simply ensures that the zoning accurately mirrors the established Community Plan's policies and land use. The City submitted this amendment on April 23, 2026, and it was officially deemed filed on May 7, 2026. Granting a blanket one-year extension unnecessarily stalls a non-controversial, pro-community amendment that safeguards parkland.

While the City can certainly understand the need for occasional extensions due to staffing constraints for large and complex applications, and has not opposed many such requests for time extensions, in this instance, the City respectfully requests that the Commission deny the time extension and direct staff to complete their review within the standard statutory

timeline. Should the Commission determine that an extension is unavoidable, the City requests that it be truncated. We ask that Coastal staff work to bring this item forward for certification no later than the Coastal Commission's August 2026 hearing.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to helping us secure vital park space for the Barrio Logan community without unnecessary delay. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Director, Tait Galloway at: TGalloway@sandiego.gov.

Sincerely,



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