January 2, 2019

Ms. Carol Jacobs
Assistant City Manager
City of Newport Beach
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Subject:

Approval In Concept/Harbor Permit Number 1502-2018

Dear Ms. Jacobs:

I live at 2588 Bayshore Drive in Newport Beach. I have seen the plan approved by the City for the replacement of Newport Marina (2888 Bayshore Drive) and do not think it has been designed conscious of balancing the goals of the commercial marina with the privacy and safety of the surrounding community. This letter is submitted in support of the appeal to have Newport Marina reevaluated and designed consistent with the character of Newport Harbor and the neighboring residences.

I am concerned that setting a precedent for commercial marinas to put very large boats in front of residences will create a detrimental domino effect. The Bayshore Marina is designed with larger boats located in front of the marina's parking area and the smaller boats in front of the residences. This is a good design but once the precedence is set, Bayshore Marina, along with the many other marinas in the harbor, could easily follow suit to put large boats in front of private residences.

I would respectfully ask that the City and the Harbor Commission to consider the precedent that will be set by Newport Marina and approve a plan that is compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Alan & Alexandra Airth

c: Harbor Commissioners

Duffy Duffield, City Council District