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**“The Noisy “ 19<sup>th</sup> District**

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Mr. Robert Kent  
Pacific Battleship Center  
3503 East La Jara Street  
Long Beach, CA 90805



Dear Mr. Kent

It is with great honor, that I write this letter of recommendation for the purpose of bringing the USS Iowa BB 61 to Los Angeles, California.

It would be a tribute to all the servicemen who served aboard the USS Iowa; and a tribute to all veterans and our service men and women on duty who are protecting this great nation today.

Also, the USS Iowa will be a reminder to our citizens that the men who served on board helped make this country what it is now. As an educational tool it would help our students to understand what it took to maintain our freedom and what it took to help other nations to fight for theirs.

On behalf of the American Legion 19<sup>th</sup> District Department of California we support your efforts in this endeavor.

Respectfully yours



Gil Soto

Commander