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January 19, 2010

Mr. Robert Kent  
Pacific Battleship Center  
615 Centre Street, Suite 301  
San Pedro, California 90731

Dear Mr. Kent:

After very supportive discussions, the Board of Directors of the Independent Cities Association (ICA) voted unanimously to support the placement of the USS Iowa in the San Pedro location submitted to the Port Authorities. It was agreed that the USS Iowa would not only add to the rich maritime and Naval history of the area, but would employ local citizens, increase tourism within the City, and provide extraordinary educational opportunities.

In addition, the USS Iowa would serve as a tribute to all those who served aboard the Battleship, as well all veterans and the men and women who are currently serving and protecting our great nation today.

The Independent Cities Association, which represents 48 cities in the County of Los Angeles and 7 million residents, is pleased to lend support to bringing the placement of this historical Battleship to the San Pedro Harbor.

On behalf of the Independent Cities Association, I thank you for your efforts in bringing the USS Iowa to the San Pedro Harbor.

Sincerely,

Frank Venti, Chair  
ICA Legislative Committee

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