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April 28, 2011

Secretary Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
Department of the Navy
Pentagon
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Secretary Mabus:

We are writing to express our strong support for the Pacific Battleship Center's proposal to bring the USS Iowa to the Port of Los Angeles.

The Port of Los Angeles has been a home to the Navy for many decades. Docking the USS Iowa on the shores of San Pedro would serve as a reminder of that history as well as a monument to the sacrifices of the Navy men and women who served our country proudly.

Berth 87 at the Port of Los Angeles offers the perfect permanent home for this historic battleship. Its central position between the World Cruise Terminal, the Maritime Museum, the community of San Pedro and Ports of Call will provide the USS Iowa with the tourism needed to sustain this important living history museum.

We strongly support the Pacific Battleship Center's proposal which will provide the funding necessary to restore the USS Iowa to its original glory, as well as create an interactive naval museum experience that honors and illustrates the positive contributions of this battleship and its crew at critical moments in American history.

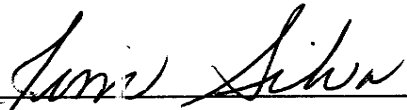
This letter demonstrates the strong base of support for this proposal from elected officials from the State of California and adds to the long list of supporters from every level of government, community organizations and chambers of commerce.


Thank you for your consideration.

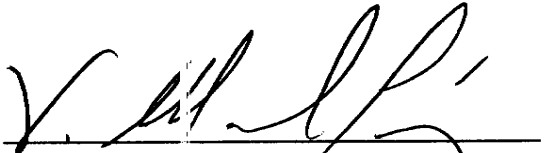
Respectfully,


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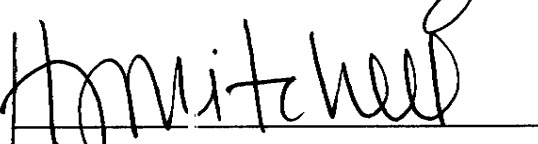
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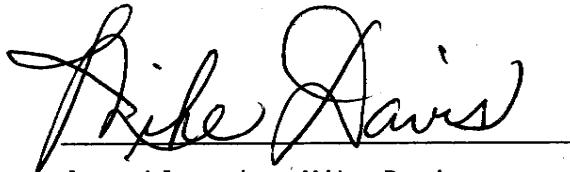

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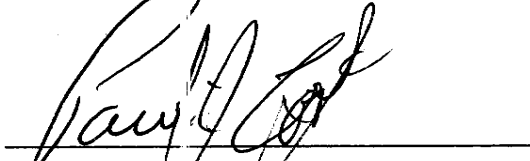

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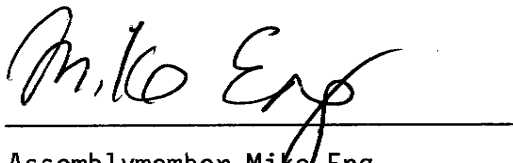

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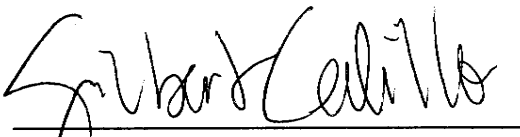

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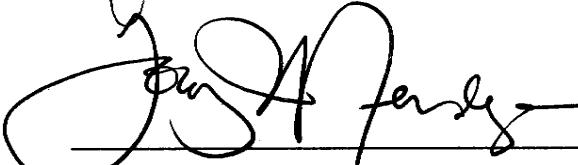

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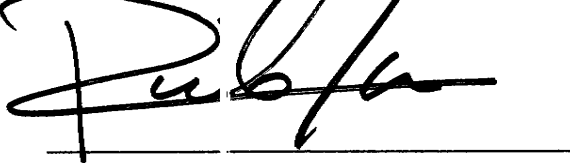

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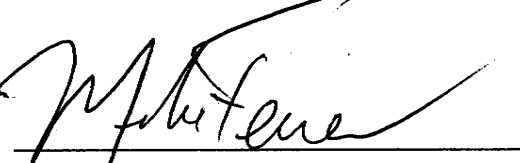

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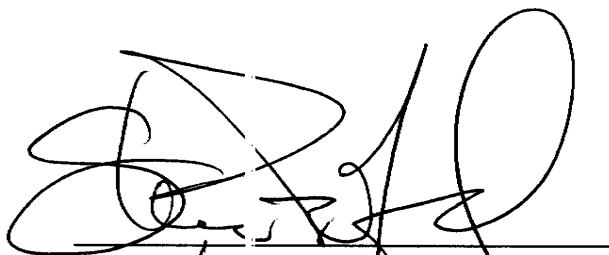

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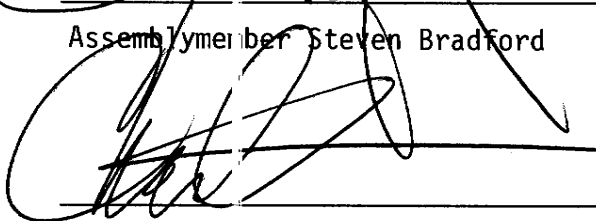

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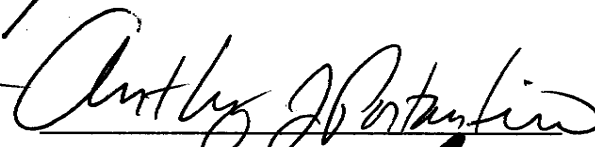
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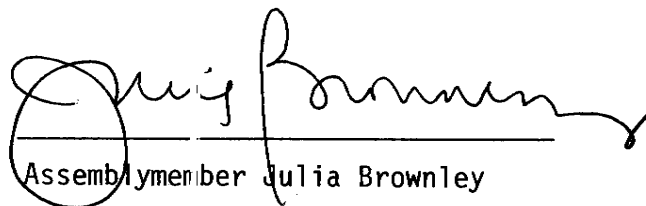
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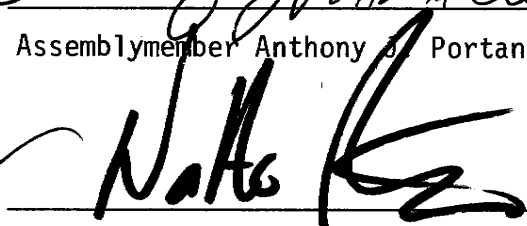
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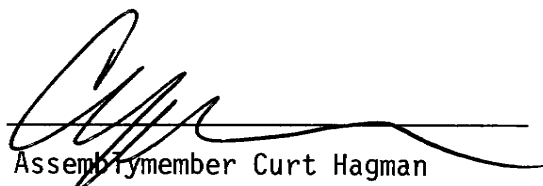
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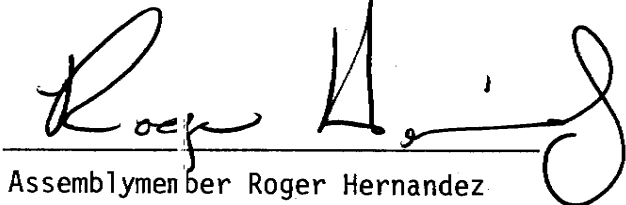
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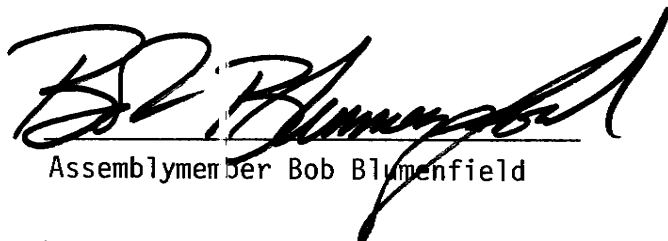
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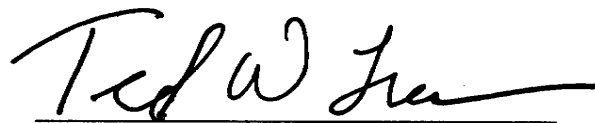
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