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Dear Councilmember,

I recently contacted the Department of the Navy about the status of the Battleship BB-61, formerly the USS IOWA. In 2001, the ex-IOWA was towed to San Francisco and after being rejected by that city as a museum in 2005, the battleship went up for donation in March of 2006.

Since then, proposals for a new home for the ex-IOWA have been re-opened, and I would like to lend my full support behind moving the ship to San Pedro, California where the ship can be moored in the Port of Los Angeles. The port of Los Angeles/San Pedro was the Battleship Anchorage of the Pacific Fleet in 1919, and would be a fitting home to the proposed USS IOWA museum.

I am joined in my endorsement of the move to San Pedro by Congresswoman Jane Harman of California's 36th Congressional District, making this a truly bi-partisan effort with support across the aisle. If there is anything I can do to help, please contact my Legislative Fellow Andy Graham (andy.graham@mail.house.gov) at 202-225-1956.

Sincerely,

Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
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