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Pacific Battleship Center
65 Pine Avenue, #331
Long Beach, California 90802

To Whom It May Concern:

As the member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors representing San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles, it gives me great pleasure to support and recommend bringing the USS Iowa BB 61 to San Pedro, California.

As you know, the County of Los Angeles has a rich Naval history, including being homeport for battleships from the 1920s into the 1990s when the last battleship, the USS Missouri, a sister-ship of the USS Iowa was decommissioned at Long Beach Naval Shipyard in March of 1992. The USS Iowa would serve as a wonderful platform to educate our County residents with its rich history. It would also serve as a wonderful tribute to all the Servicemen who served aboard the USS Iowa, as well as our men and women who are currently serving and protecting our great Nation today.

Having served in the United States Navy, I would be proud to see the USS Iowa docked along the shores of the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles to be reminded of the long standing tradition between the Navy and the Community of San Pedro.

Again, please know that I strongly support bringing the USS Iowa BB 61 to the Community of San Pedro.

Sincerely,

DON KNABE
Chairman of the Board
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of Los Angeles

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c: Captain Paul Wiedenhoef, United States Coast Guard
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