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To:

Councilman Joe Buscaino
Via Email

Dear Councilman Joe:

We are writing to you regarding the historic Gaffey Street Bridge at the end of the 110 Freeway. This beautiful art deco bridge, built in 1935, has suffered significant neglect and damage including at least one car crashing into it. Only five of its eight beautiful historic lights are currently working. We are writing to request your assistance in restoring it. Restoring it should be seen as an integral part of improving this gateway that started with the Welcome Park, improving the pedestrian overpass, improving the center divider, and the current landscaping project and other efforts at the end of the freeway.

The Gaffey Street Bridge is part of the main gateway into San Pedro and the first impression of our community for visitors. In addition to being an eyesore in its current condition, it is a safety hazard for pedestrians in the area.

We also recommend that the City look at measures to protect pedestrians from future vehicles crashing at that same location. We are also requesting that the billboard be removed as soon as the current lease ends which we believe to be in 2021.

The Gaffey Street Bridge is a companion to the Elberon Bridge, which we previously requested be restored to its former beauty. Perhaps the two bridges could be restored as part of the same project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Regalado".

Ray Regalado, President
On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

cc: Ryan Ferguson