



# TRACI PARK

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**Subject: Preserving the Venice Lifeguard Tower**

Dear Deputy Director Baker,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate my support for the preservation and repair of the Venice Lifeguard Tower, a three-story hexagonal building with a surrounding yard located at 2300 Ocean Front Walk. This building is owned by the City of Los Angeles, although it has been leased to the County since 1975. As the administrative headquarters for the Los Angeles County Lifeguard Division for over 40 years, the Tower embodies the cultural history of our beach and the lifeguards who have made it safe.

In recent months, it has come to my attention that the Tower's state of disrepair and partial vacancy have been cited as reasons to demolish the second and third levels of the building, and that permits were obtained by the County allowing such demolition. In response, residents of my district have called for the preservation of this iconic structure.

My office has heard loud and clear that the Tower is an important asset to the local community and, at this time, we reiterate our belief that it should be preserved so that future generations of beachgoers can appreciate this historic site. In light of the significant public interest in preserving this building, in lieu of demolition, we want to continue working with the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors as well as Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's office to administer a viable long-term plan to repair and maintain the Tower.

As we collaborate to oversee some of the most popular beaches and coastal recreational spaces in the world, my office remains grateful to the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors for their shared vision and cooperation. In particular, we are appreciative to have you as a partner as we move forward with the task of forging the future of the Venice Lifeguard Tower.

We look forward to a continued partnership in this effort.

Very truly yours,

**TRACI PARK**  
Councilwoman, 11th District  
City of Los Angeles