

November 4, 1998

Ms. Patricia Megason, Director California Department of Parks and Recreation 1416 9th Street Sacramento, CA 95814

## Dear Ms. Megason:

The State of California has leased the coastal beaches known as Dockweiler, Venice and Will Rogers to the City of Los Angeles since 1948. The fifty-year agreements for Dockweiler and Venice Beaches expire on November 9, 1998, while the agreement covering Will Rogers Beach expires January 31, 1999. Both the State of California and the City of Los Angeles have expressed a mutual interest in continuing this leasing arrangement. Preliminary meetings have identified the need to address the issues of land use/development and major maintenance. Pending the completion of the negotiations and formal execution of the new agreements, I am sending this letter to communicate the City's intent to enter into such long-term agreements for the continued lease of Dockweiler, Venice and Will Roger Beaches. Until such leases are in place, the existing 50-year agreements will continue to define our relationship.

Sincerely,

Richard J/Riordan

Mayor

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cc: Cindy Miscikowski, Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District Rick Sessinghaus, Interim General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks J. Michael Carey, City Clerk STATE OF CALIFORNIA - RESOURCES AGENCY

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PETE WILSON, Governor

The Honorable Richard J. Riordan, Mayor City of Los Angeles City Hall East, Room 800 200 North Main Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mayor Riordan:

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Thank you for your recent letter regarding the City's desire to continue the lease agreement for Dockweiler State Beach (including Venice Beach) and Will Rogers State Beach. As you pointed out, the leases expire November 9, 1998 and January 31, 1999 respectively. I am in agreement with you that pending the completion of negotiations and formal execution of the new agreement, the existing leases will continue to define our relationship under holdover status in accordance with the terms of the leases and/or Section 1945 of the California Civil Code.

Should you have further questions, please contact Russ Guiney, Angeles District Superintendent at (818) 880-0350. He and his staff will be working with the City in crafting our new agreement.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Patricia J. Megason Director

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