

March ____, 2021

Todd Gloria, Mayor
City of San Diego
202 C Street, 11th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Support for Barber Tract's Ban on Wood & Charcoal Beach Fires

Dear Mayor Gloria:

The La Jolla Community Planning Association is the officially recognized planning group for the Community of La Jolla. We support a ban on wood and charcoal fueled beach fires proposed by the Barber Tract Neighborhood Association (BTNA). As an alternative, we support the use of portable propane grills and other propane fueled devices that do not contribute to air, water and sand pollution, or cause health and safety hazards associated with smoke and flying embers. This modification of allowable beach uses enables visitors to enjoy barbecuing and the ambiance of fire in a safe manner at our justly famed beaches.

We are aware that the BTNA engaged in a thorough community conversation prior to proposing this regulatory modification for the coastal zone. Their efforts have been subsequently endorsed by La Jolla Parks & Beaches, Inc. and the La Jolla Shores Association. LJ CPA shares the concerns of our La Jolla neighbors and requests that City leadership consider their compromise proposal for adoption in the Coastal Zone prior to the 2021 summer season.

Sincerely,

Diane Kane, President
La Jolla Community Planning Association

cc: Matt Griffith, Mayor's Office
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