



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**  
Executive Director's  
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2011**

**FROM: REAL ESTATE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - PROPOSED REVOCABLE PERMIT WITH  
TERMINAL ISLANDERS, INC.**

**SUMMARY:**

Terminal Islanders, Inc. (Terminal Islanders) occupies 2,158 square feet (s.f) of land on Terminal Island under Permit No. 835. This ten-year term permit expired on August 11, 2011 and is currently on holdover. The proposed revocable permit would allow Terminal Islanders to continue to operate and maintain a memorial on City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) property on a no-charge basis. The site serves as the Japanese Fishing Village Memorial and includes exclusive use of two parking spaces for memorial visitors.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Approve the proposed revocable permit with Terminal Islanders, Inc.;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the proposed revocable permit; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background – In 1901, fishermen originally from Japan formed a community near San Pedro and settled on Terminal Island in 1905. This was a fishing community, known at the time as Fish Harbor. At its peak, the community numbered 3,000 Japanese American fishermen, fish cannery workers, merchants, and residents. By the 1930s, there were eight canneries, commercial and naval shipyards, oil tanks, steamship berths, 60 stores and shops, an elementary school, a Baptist mission, a Shinto shrine, and a Buddhist temple.

On September 17, 1998, Governor Pete Wilson signed Assembly Bill No. 898, as passed by the California State Legislature (State Legislature), granting the sum of \$148,000 from the State of California's (State) general fund to the Los Angeles City Controller for allocation to the Harbor Department for the purpose of assisting in the creation of a Japanese American Fishing Village Memorial by the Terminal Islanders. On March 22, 1999, the Terminal Islanders received non-profit status from the State.

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The Terminal Islanders raised additional funds for the monument's projected cost of \$300,000.

The State Legislature provided funds to the Harbor Department for the purpose of assisting in the creation of a Japanese Fishing Village Memorial to be located on Terminal Island as part of the California Tourism Policy Act to encourage "the preservation and use of California historic and scenic environments to enhance the State's appeal as a destination for domestic and international tourism." The findings of the State Legislature also proposed that the Harbor Department provide an area for the monument on Terminal Island on a no-charge basis.

A Terminal Island land use plan is currently being developed. At this time, no change to the location of the memorial is contemplated. It is recommended that the Harbor Department continue to provide the area for the monument under the same terms and conditions of Permit No. 835.

Proposed Revocable Permit Terms

Effective Date – The revocable permit (Transmittal 1) will be effective upon execution by the Executive Director and revocable upon 30 days' written notice.

Premises – 2,158 s.f. of land on Terminal Island, as shown on the attached site map (Transmittal 2).

Compensation – None. No financial consideration is due in exchange for the Terminal Islanders providing maintenance for the monument. The Terminal Islanders acknowledge that the Harbor Department shall not have any financial or other responsibility related to the maintenance of the life-size sculpture and related improvements, even if additional expenditures are required. Terminal Islanders will maintain and keep in force at all times liability insurance, as required by the Harbor Department.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of a revocable permit with Terminal Islanders for the continued operation and maintenance of the Japanese Fishing Village Memorial. As an activity involving the issuance of a permit to use an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article III Class 1(14) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS:**

This Board action will have no direct employment effect in our five-county region.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The annual rental value of the premises used by the Terminal Islanders is \$4,748 based on a ten percent rate of return on 2,158 s.f. of land valued at \$22.00 per s.f.

It is recommended that the rent continue to be waived in return for the benefit of enhancements that the Japanese Fishing Memorial brings to the State's appeal as a destination for domestic and international tourism.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The proposed RP is subject to approval as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney.

TRANSMITTALS:

- 1. Revocable Permit
- 2. Site Map


FIS Approval: KR (initials)

CA Approval: TR (initials)

  
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