



May 2, 2013

Geraldine Knatz, Ph. D.
 Executive Director
 Port of Los Angeles
 425 S. Palos Verdes Street
 San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Dr. Knatz:

It has come to the attention of the California Maritime Academy, a campus of the California State University, that the Port of Los Angeles (Port) Police have recently taken the marine vessel the *Tuna* out of service, due to its age and ongoing maintenance costs. Rather than scrapping or salvaging the vessel, I would like to request that the Port consider donating the *Tuna* to Cal Maritime.

Cal Maritime can productively utilize the aged vessel by integrating it into its current and future academic programs. Cal Maritime's unique focus on marine engineering technology, mechanical engineering, security and marine transportation educational programs, offers the ability to employ the aged vessel to provide hands-on repair and maintenance, mechanical engineering and technology educational opportunities for students. These programs directly benefit the maritime industry, which ultimately benefits the Port, its operations, and long-term sustainability.

The Port's donation of the vessel to Cal Maritime would ensure that the *Tuna* would continue her legacy of effectively serving the State of California and its residents, as well as Port interests.

Your kind consideration of donating the *Tuna* to Cal Maritime for ongoing use in its maritime educational programs is greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you require any information or would like to meet to further discuss this request.

Sincerely,

RADM Thomas A. Cropper, USMS
 President

c: Ronald Boyd, Chief of Port Police
 Jim Morgan, Director of Port Construction and Maintenance

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