

# M E D I A   R E L E A S E

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## **SAN DIEGANS SUE CITY / PORT TO SAVE TIDELAND PARKS**

Citizens' goal: to save the promised N. Embarcadero parks, recreation, and open Bay views the Port Master Plan (PMP) specifies.\*

San Diego's harbor front deserves a signature city image -- a beautiful park attraction that invites residents and tourists to visit, enjoy fun activities, and savor Pacific breezes and Bay views at a picnic.

Appointed officials, violating the PMP, are trying to cancel three major public parks on downtown San Diego Bay tidelands -- Broadway Landing Park, Broadway Pier, and "green spaces" on the Embarcadero to "relax, play, and enjoy Bay views:

**\*PORT MASTER PLAN PG 59:      “The Plan proposes two major parks and plazas at the...**

**and the foot of Broadway, and includes recreational piers and associated public facilities.”**

**\*PORT MASTER PLAN PG 63:      “The Esplanade extends into plazas at...Broadway Pier. These plazas will be designated to provide open space, sitting and strolling areas for tourists and nearby workers, and to increase the sense of destination for Embarcadereo visitors.”**

**\*PORT MASTER PLAN PG 63:      “Passive green spaces are proposed between the plazas on the esplanade, providing recreational opportunities and places for people to relax, play, and enjoy Bay views.”**

**\*PORT MASTER PLAN SCHEMATIC FIG. 11, PG 61: Shows 10-acre Broadway Landing Park at the end of Broadway.**

## **THE BIG BAY GIVEAWAY**

The mayor and Council, tideland trustees, are silent. The Port voted for cruise ship industry highrises to displace the parks. Mayoral Port appointees plan to cut out rare bayside parking, and block blue water views with three kinds of trees planted at three distinct height levels!

Our tidelands have never been planned to balance public access with overdevelopment, so downtown has no major regional park.

Unless challenged, the City will wall off virtually all tideland parcels on both the N. and S. Embarcaderos. For developer donors.

Citizens, the Navy Broadway Complex Coalition, two Coastal Commissioners, and Coastal staff have appealed Port PMP violations to the Coastal Commission.

When the Midway Museum moored at Navy Pier on the N. Embarcadero, the Port agreed to double MITIGATION:

**PMP PG 64: "...conversion of the pier to a 5.7 acre memorial park ... creation of approx. 5.8 acres of new coastal salt marsh."**

Citizens want Port-promised parks built.

The PMP should be upheld as the legal standard of review to ensure public coastal access under the PMP, CEQA, and the Coastal Act.

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