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Mr. McGinn,

I hope your new year is off to a great start.

I'm writing on behalf of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (Port) to express my support for the City's plan to establish a contiguous, walkable connection along the Bayfront between the American Bank Center and the planned location for the Port's new administration building (east of the Solomon P. Ortiz Center).

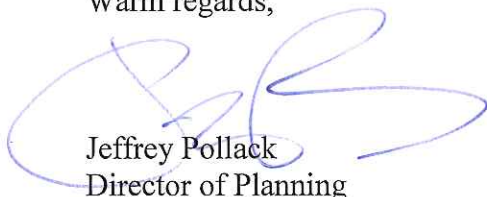
This project would enhance what is currently an underutilized hidden gem in our community and would make it easier for residents and visitors to experience what I consider to be one of the most singular experiences that our city has to offer: standing along the Bayfront at the mouth of the Inner Harbor as vessels from all over the globe transit the Corpus Christi Ship Channel. If our ambition is to create a Bayfront that is a world-class destination with a real sense of place, then I cannot think of a better way to do it.

From the Port's perspective, a walkable connection across this portion of the Bayfront would be a great amenity for the hundreds of our staff who will office in our new administration building. Not only will it be a fantastic place to decompress or take in a view, but it will also create access to key destinations on foot or by bike, which reinforces our strong emphasis on employee health and wellness.

Port staff understand that your plans will necessitate repair of the seawall and will likely require acquisition or lease of property held by other entities, including the Port. For our part, we commit to working with the City in an attempt to establish a long-term lease or some other appropriate vehicle by which to support this project.

We look forward to continuing to work with the City of Corpus Christi to bring new investment and activity to our downtown. Please reach out to me at any point if I can be of assistance.

Warm regards,



Jeffrey Pollack
Director of Planning

