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Planning Commissioners
City of Santa Barbara
735 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Attn: Allison De Busk, Senior Planner
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Re: BMC CUO – DENY
35 N. Calle Cesar Chavez (MST2018-00505)
APN 017-113-004

Dear Planning Commissioners,

On behalf of the California Sea Urchin Commission, a 300 plus diver State Marketing Program, I urge the Santa Barbara Planning Commission to deny the BMC Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

California Coastal Commission approved the City of Santa Barbara Local Coastal Plan (LCP) in 1981 designating land area inland near the breakwater shall be designated to OM-1 Ocean-Oriented Light Manufacturing Zone including 35 N. Calle Cesar Chavez. The area is appropriate for boat sales, storage, seafood processing, wholesaling and other ocean-related activities. The zoning change required to allow BMC to build a lumber yard is inconsistent with the OM-1 Zone since it has no nexus to ocean activities.

Many of our Santa Barbara members support the expansion of off-boat, direct marketing by fishermen and divers. This is consistent with accessing local seafood to build a local trade and enhance fishermen profits and a tax base for the City of Santa Barbara. Consumers and the associated tourism also benefit from sourcing local, fresh seafood as a destination.

Eliminating the boat storage area at 35 N. Calle Cesar Chavez will further reduce the commercial fishing fleet's footprint along the harbor area harming future marine activities. Fishermen are confronted by Federal and State fishing regulatory mandates, as well as ecological changes in ocean conditions. Please do not add further limitations to their business enterprises by rezoning areas they need to conduct their fishing activities.

Sincerely,

David J. Goldenberg
Executive Director
California Sea Urchin Commission