



Redondo Beach State of the City

May 2024

Jim Light, Mayor



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2024 Headwinds and Tailwinds

Headwinds

- Loss of Bill Brand
- State and city budget
 - Tight budget
 - Reduced grants/state funding
- Ongoing AES property related legal matters
- State housing laws – prevent good city planning
 - Inhibit ability to balance land uses - Open space, residential, commercial
- Aging infrastructure – especially facilities
- Built out – limits options for creative zoning
- Metro ROW option impacts traffic and resident quality of life

Tailwinds

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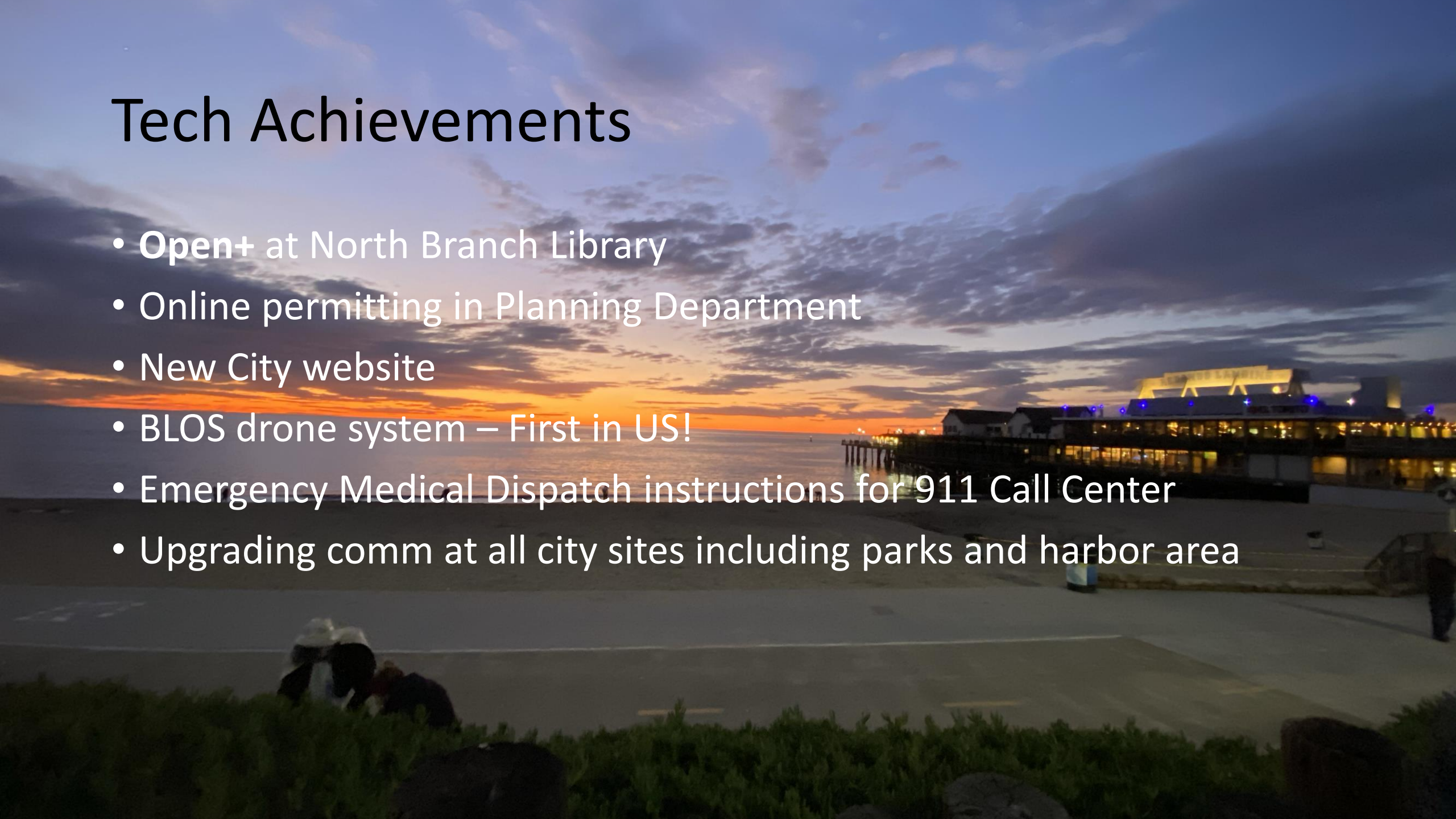
- Community and council consensus on direction and vision
- Building momentum
- Forward leaning city staff and council
 - Council gridlock is gone
- City staffing returning to normal
 - New staff bringing new energy to city hall
- City revenues returning to normal
- Potential to acquire AES site

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2023 GENERAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Tech Achievements

- **Open+** at North Branch Library
- Online permitting in Planning Department
- New City website
- BLOS drone system – First in US!
- Emergency Medical Dispatch instructions for 911 Call Center
- Upgrading comm at all city sites including parks and harbor area



Infrastructure maintenance and upgrades

- New railings, lights and newly painted sails at pier
- Replaced roofs at Alta Vista and Wilderness Park
- Relandscaping City Hall
- Major upgrades to Franklin Park
- New playground equipment at Dominguez Park
- Returfed Aviation Park sports field
- North Redondo bike path extension on ROW
- Harbor Patrol dock and harbor pump out station replaced
- 24 Capital Projects Completed, 11 in design phase

2023 PUBLIC SAFETY



Public Safety – RBPD by the numbers



Recruiting	34 sworn officers
	43 non-sworn staff
Sworn Officers	Allotted 99
	Staffed at 99
Retention Rate (Sworn Officers)	Was: 43% average
	Now: >90%
Communication Center	>63,000 calls per year
EMD Assistance (Call Center)	221 times
	25 life and death

Community Engagement	175 events
Traffic collision responses	>1462
DUI	252
Arrests	2886
Citations	3504
Firearms recovered	54
Awards and Accolades	2023 – 20, 2024 - 6





Public Safety –RBFD by the numbers

Staffing 9 firefighter paramedics

15 Fire Cadets

3 Fire Interns

20 CERT Grads

Equipment 2 new fire engines

Heart Warrior Auto Pulse

State of the art survival gear

Emergency Incidents 7616

75% emergency medical

23% alarms, assistance,
hazard abatement

2% structure fires

3 lives saved by Heart Warrior



Unhoused Program

The addition of an **Alternative Crisis Response (ACR)** Team serving those experiencing mental illness

OUTREACH & ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE (ACR)
(and prevention as needed)



CASE MANAGEMENT & HOUSING NAVIGATION



The expansion of their current **Pallet Shelter**

PALLET NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER & MOTEL BEDS



HOMELESS COURT



TRANSITIONAL BEDS & SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO)



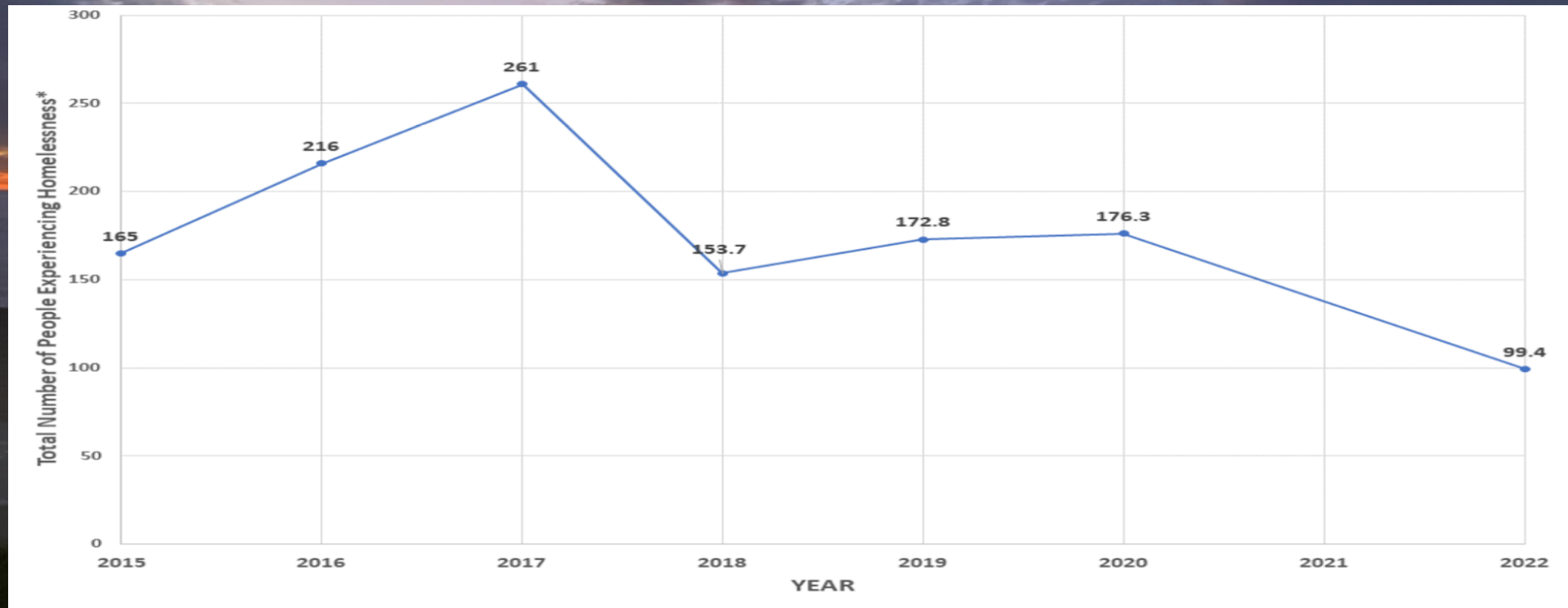
PERMANENT HOUSING

(and follow up care as needed)



Homelessness

- 60% DECREASE FROM 2020 TO 2023 (16.5% DECREASE LAST YEAR ALONE)
- LOWEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN MORE THAN A DECADE



(LAHSA Homeless Count by City/Community Dashboard: Redondo Beach (December 5, 2022)

<<https://www.lahsa.org/data?id=54-homeless-count-by-city-community>>.)

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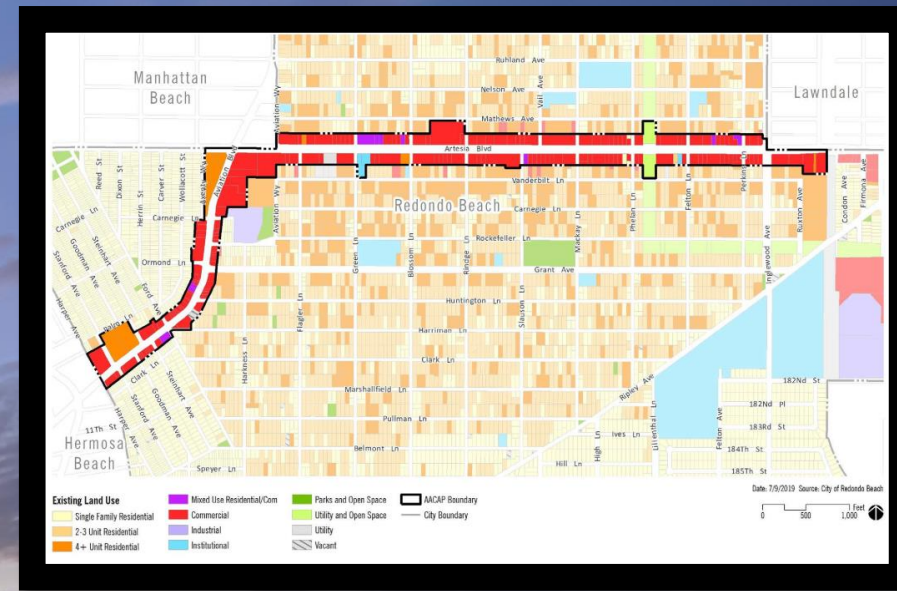
- Homeless Court
 - 75% attendance rate (last session 100% attendance!)
 - 0% Recidivism!
- Approaching Functional Zero Homelessness
 - People exiting homelessness faster than new people added to homeless
 - Street outflow > Street inflow = ACHIEVED
 - Median duration of current homeless population < 90 days = CLOSE
- Award winning program
 - Lila Omura – 2024 Woman of the Year – State Assemblymember Muratsuchi
 - Putnam Award – Excellence in Housing Programs and Innovations

A scenic view of a beach at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue, purple, and orange. The ocean is visible in the distance. In the foreground, there is a paved area and some greenery. A large building with many windows is illuminated in the background, and a pier extends into the water. The text "2023-2024 Project and Issue Highlights" is overlaid in the center of the image.

2023-2024 Project and Issue Highlights

Housing and zoning

- Finalizing General Plan update (started in 2017)
 - Aligns General Plan with Housing Element
- Artesia Aviation Corridors Area Plan complete
 - Substantial increases to FAR
 - Decreases parking requirements
 - Designed to incentivize investment
- Housing element has withstood 2 legal challenges to date



Redondo has most diverse housing in South Bay

South Bay Cities % Mix of Residential Zones

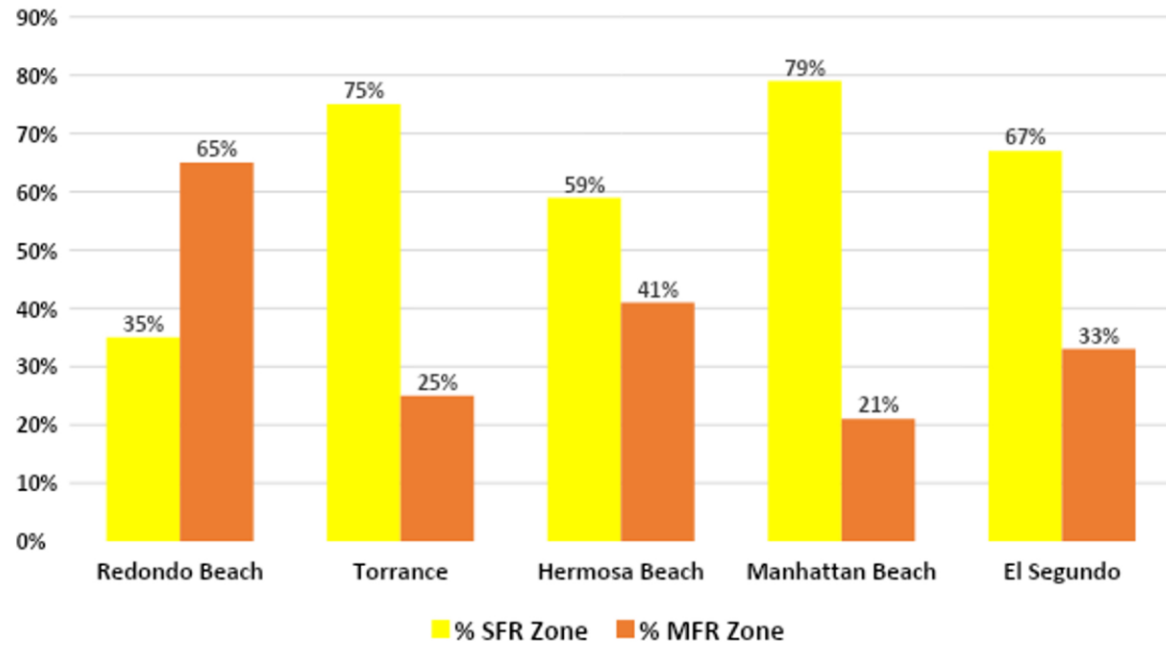
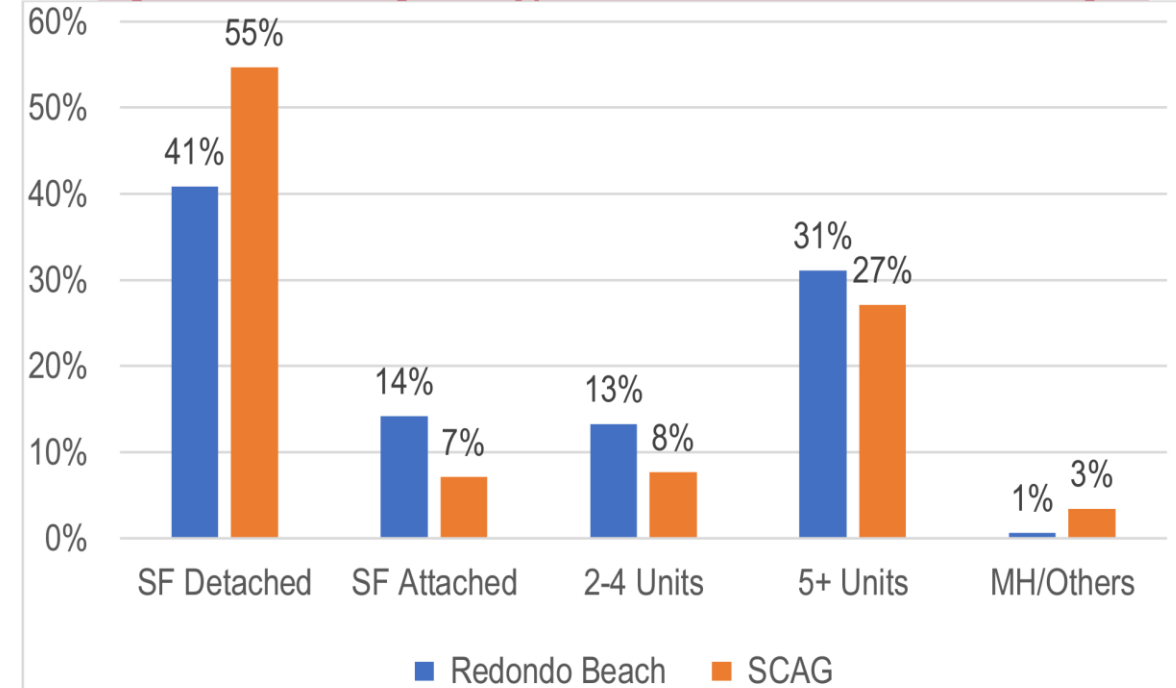


Figure H-2: Housing Unit Type – Redondo Beach and SCAG Region

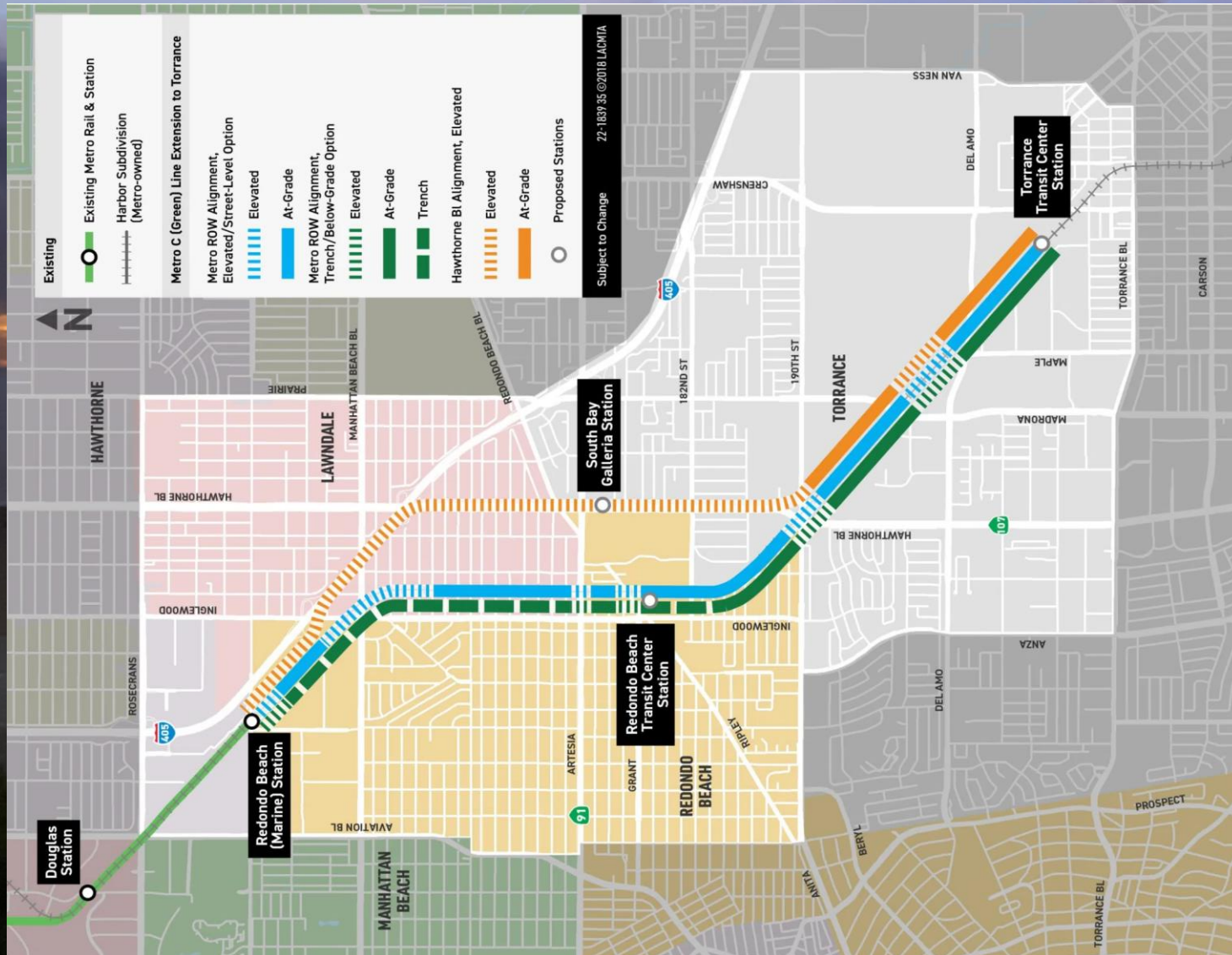


Source: 2015-2019 ACS

Redondo developable land today: 67% housing, 20% commercial

Increasing housing while decreasing commercial
reduces revenues while increasing costs

Metro C-Line (Green Line) Extension



- Hawthorne route would result in >1.25M more rides per year
- Redondo Platform would generate 47% more boardings with Hawthorne route

Public Art

- Street art in Riviera Village
- Pier skate park murals
- Wave sculpture at north entrance to harbor area
- Murals approved for Public Works buildings on Catalina



Grubhaus on Artesia – multi-kitchen food emporium



Friendship Foundation - transforming the lives of those with disabilities



South Bay Social District



Redondo's first community garden opened on June 15, 2023



MAY 2022



DEC 2022



MAY 2023



Model of City/Resident Partnering



Harbor Amenities Plan Update

Approved by City Council in late 2022

Revitalizing without supersizing



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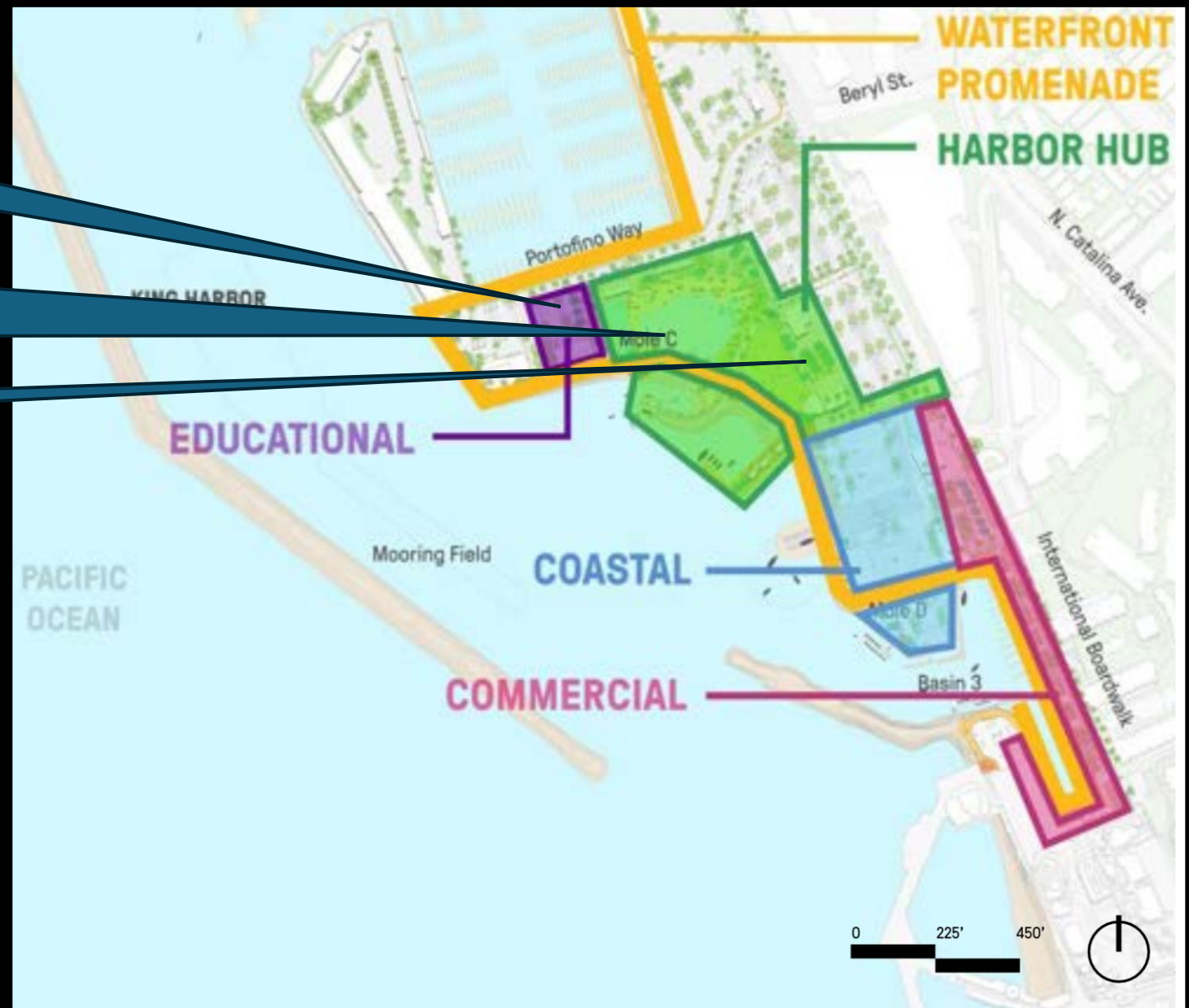
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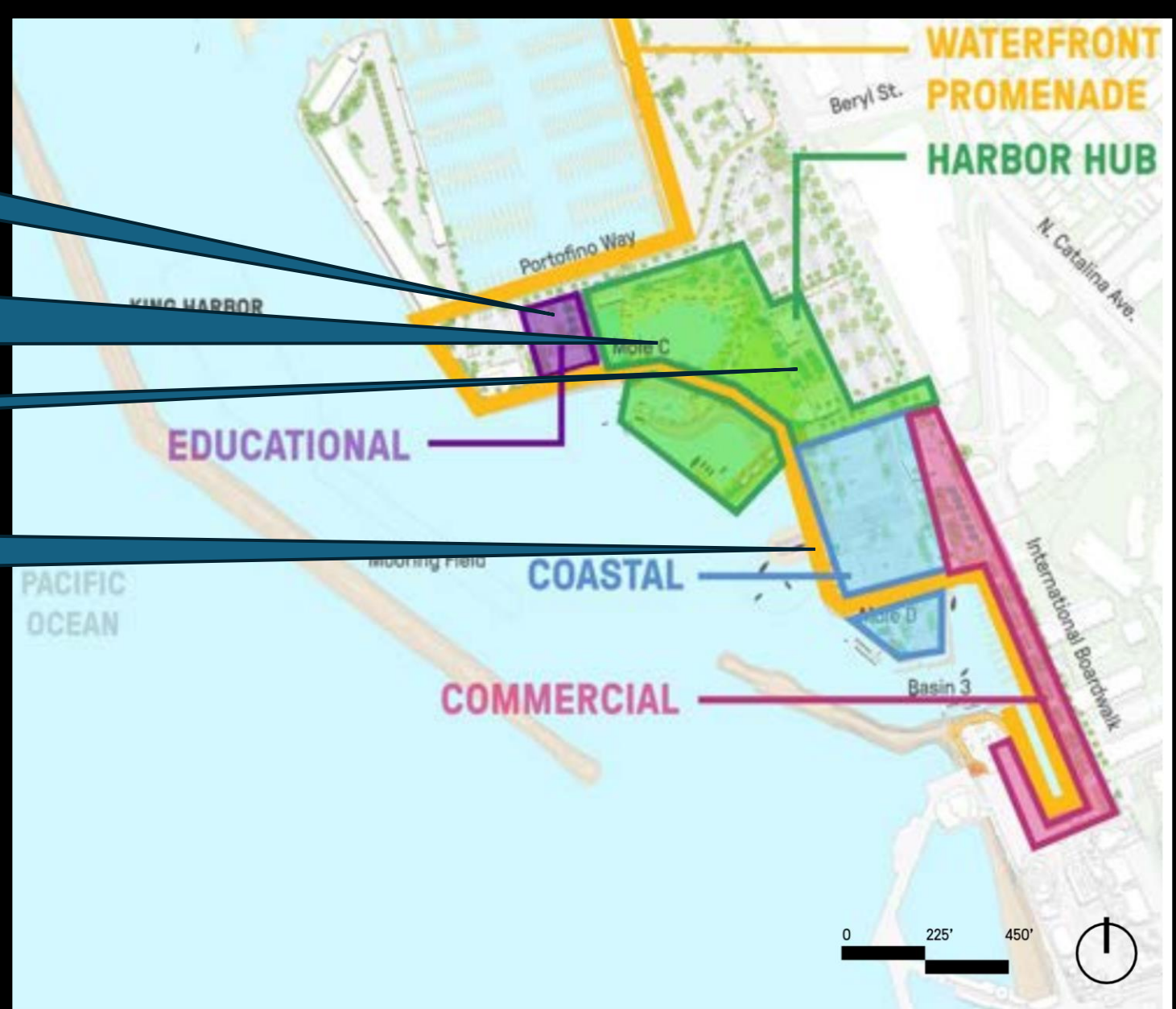


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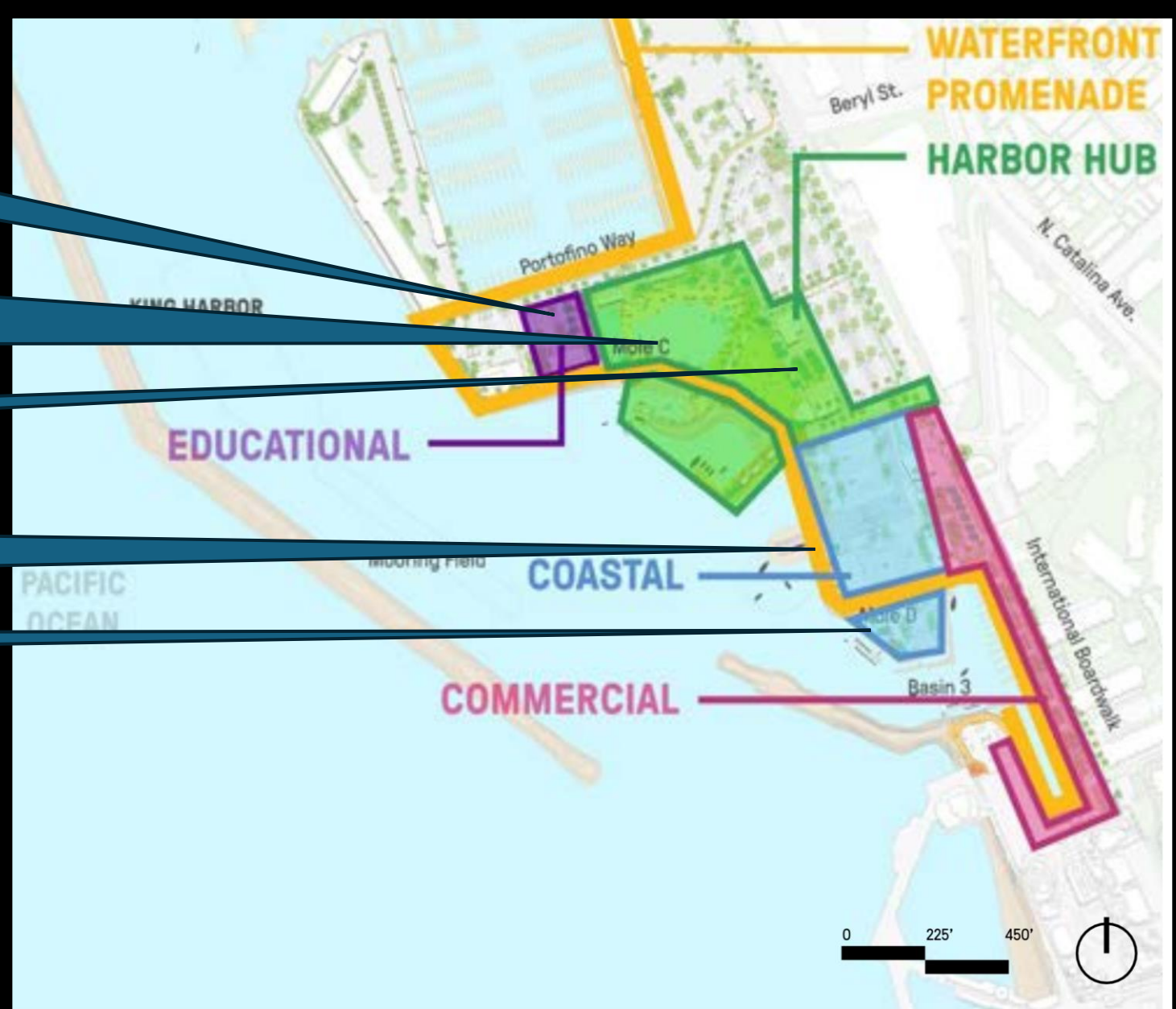
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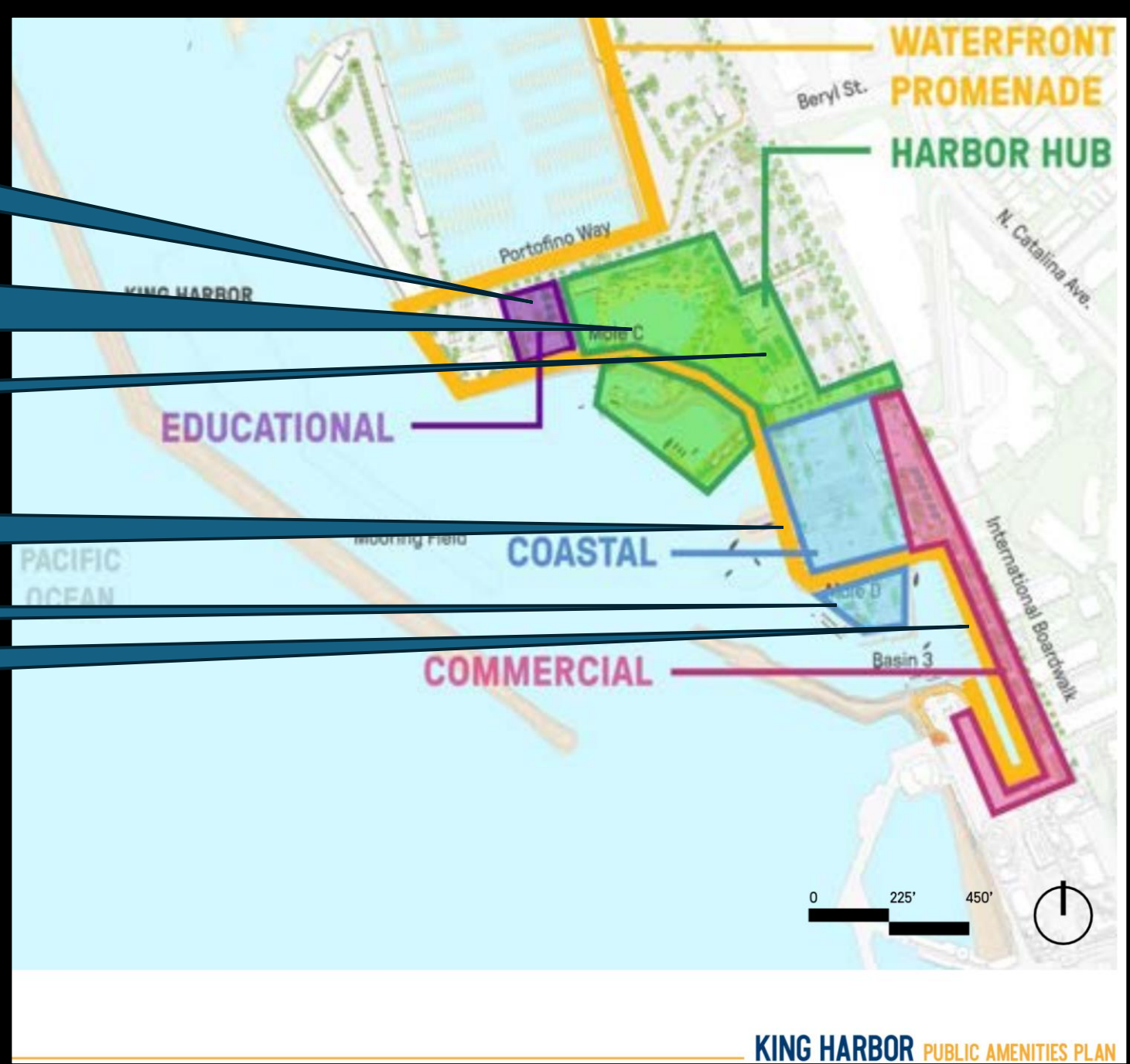
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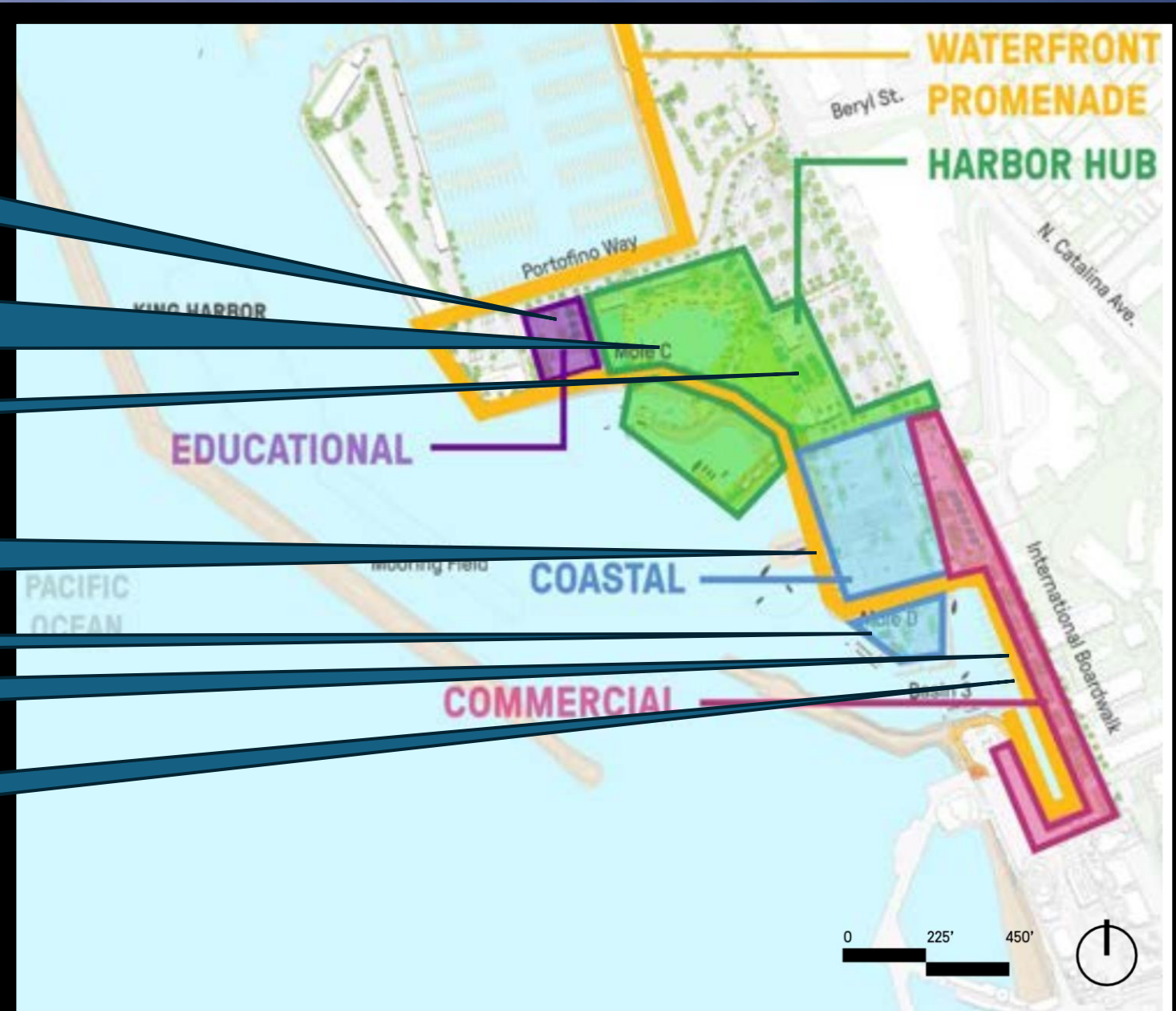
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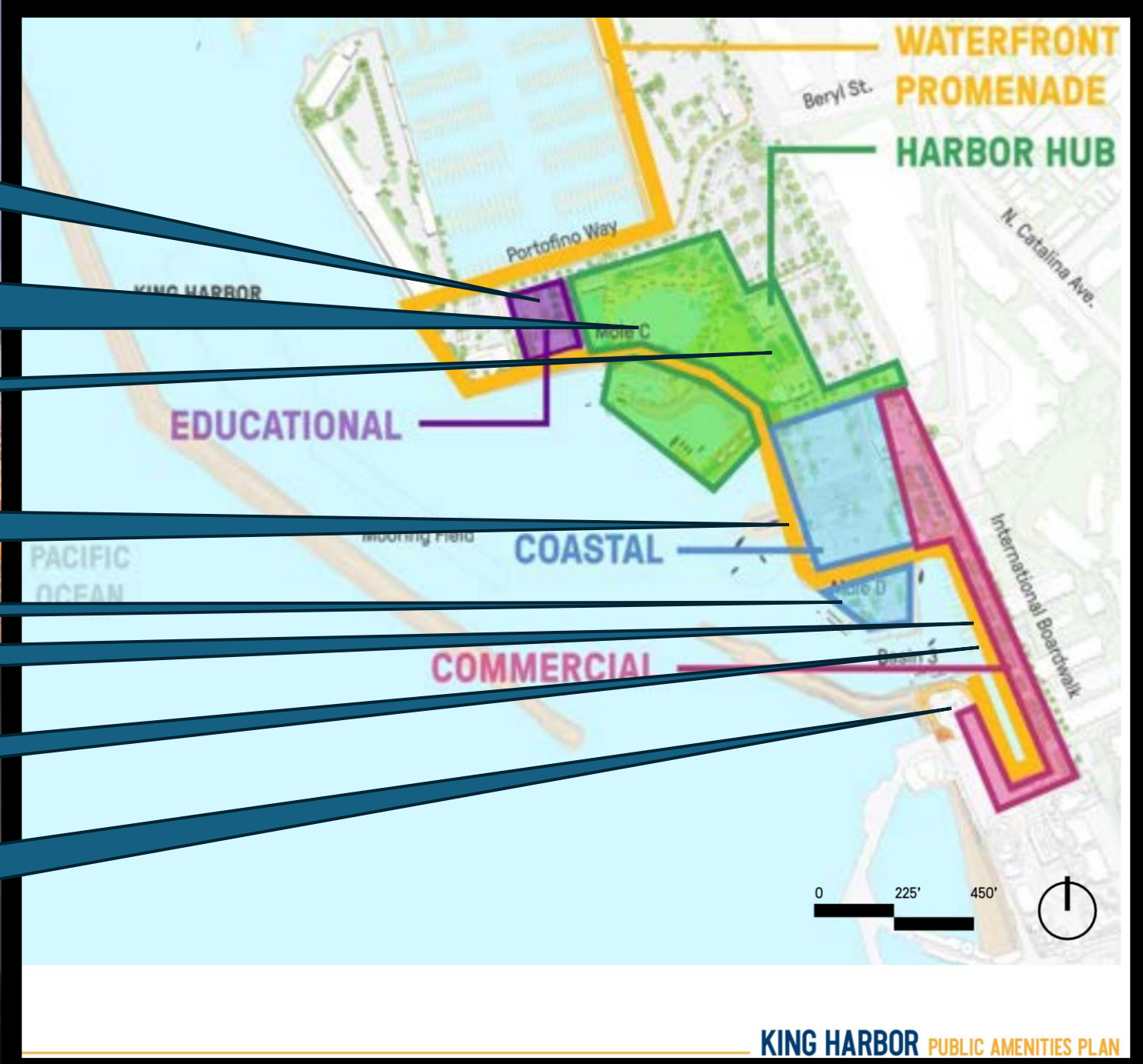
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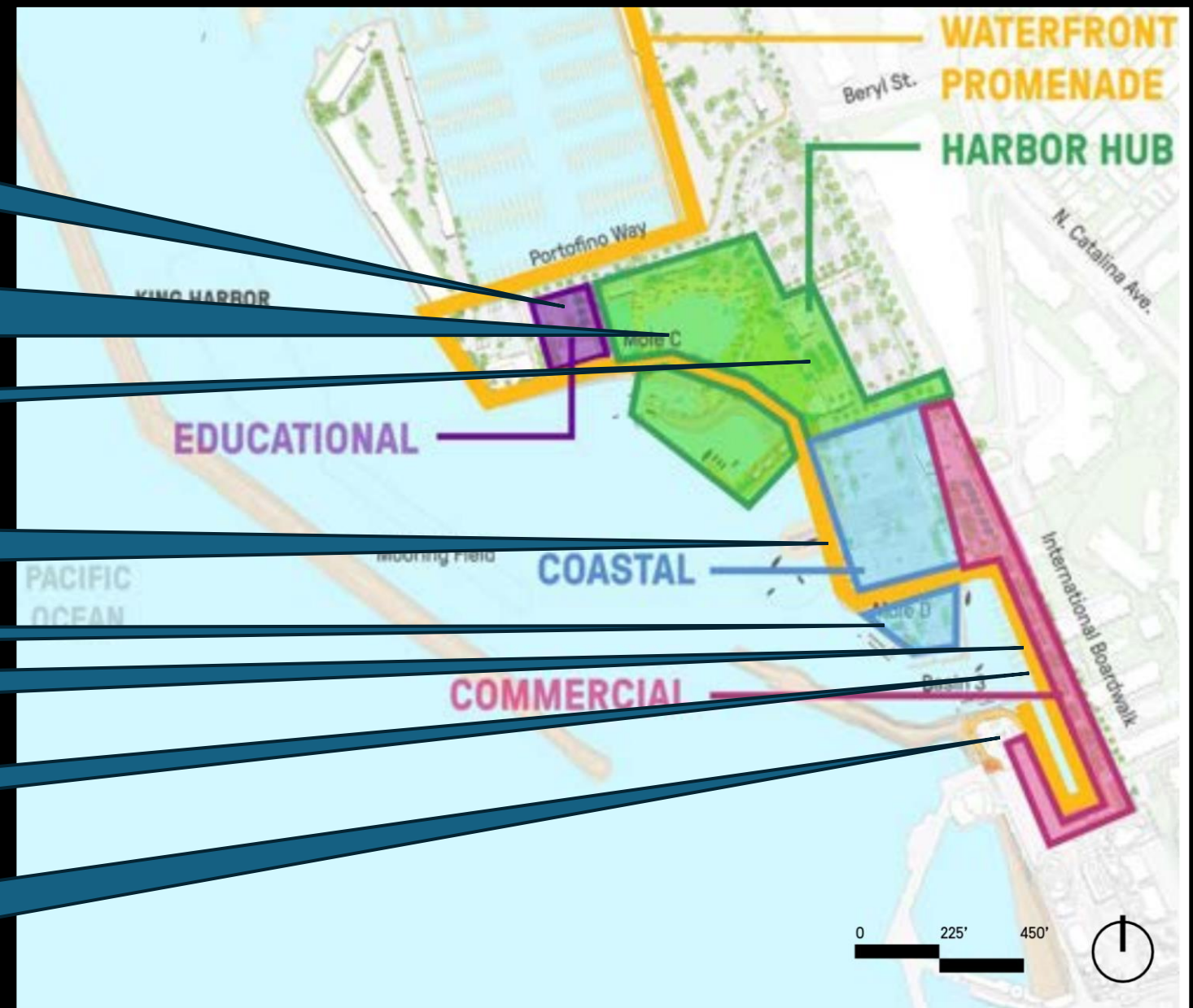
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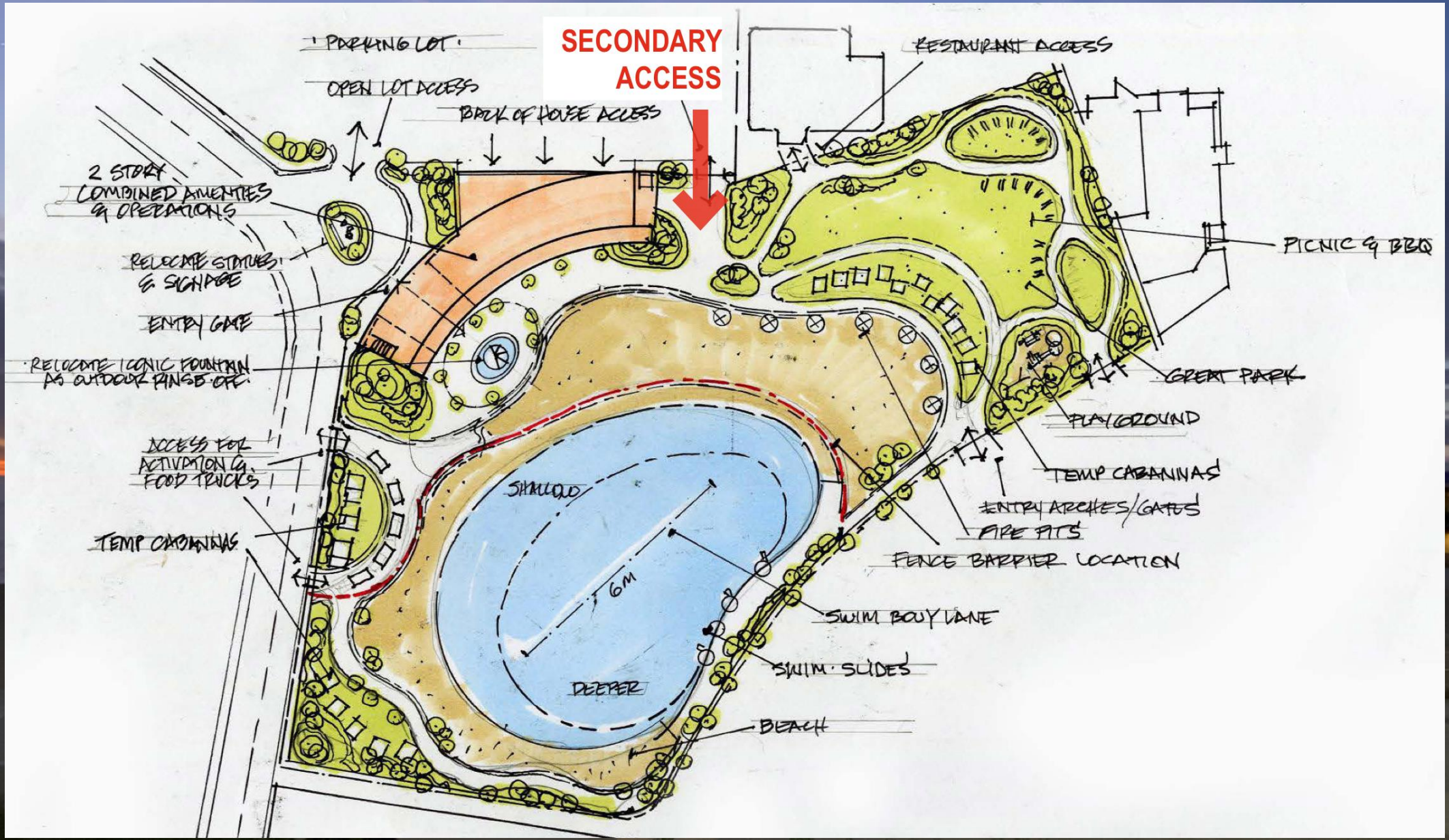
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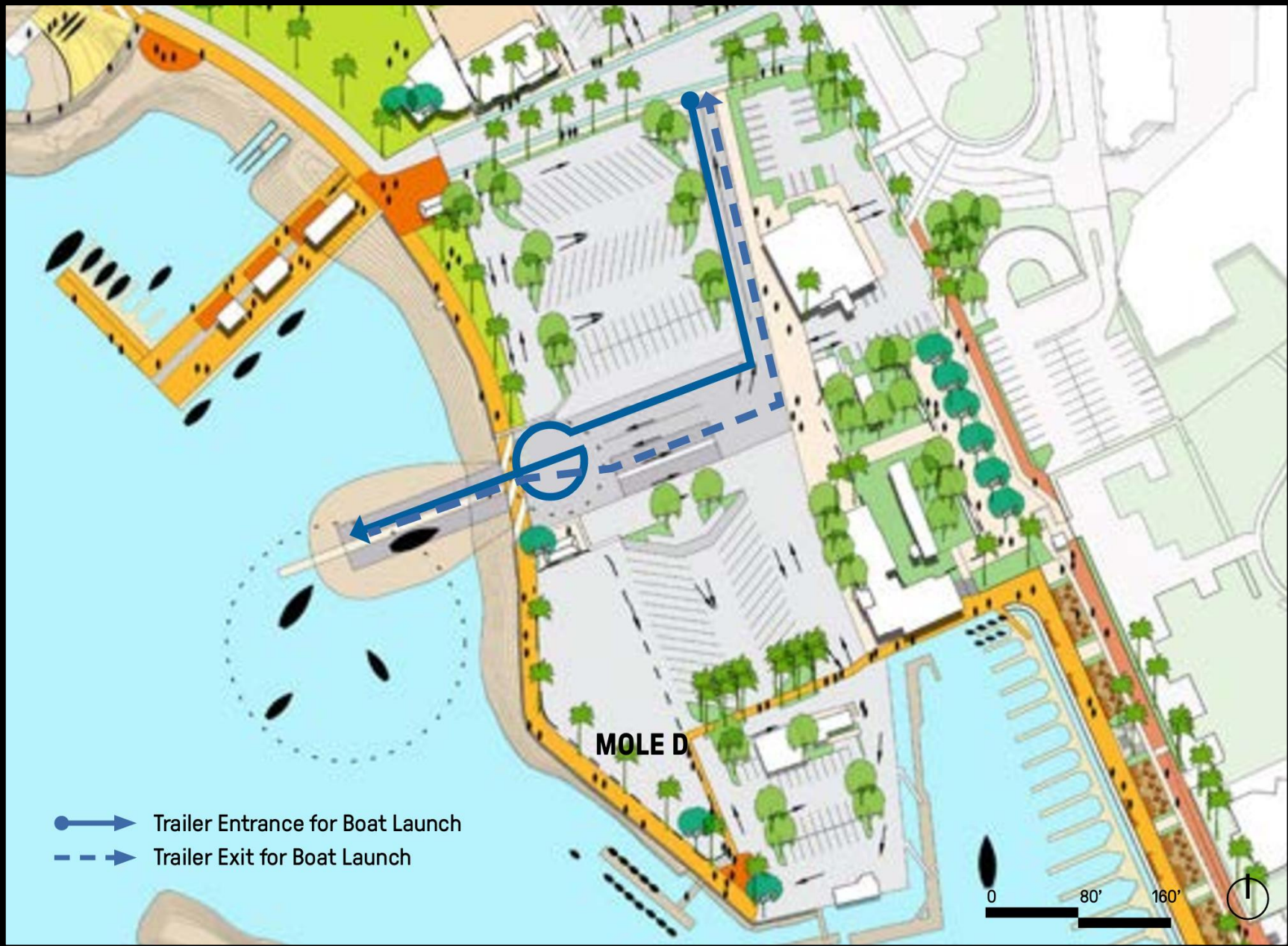
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Redondo Pier Skate Park constructed and opened



Seaside Lagoon redesign in work



Boat Ramp Design Contract Award Imminent





Harbor dredging in work

Breakwall repair this summer

Welcome to lovely Redondo Beach

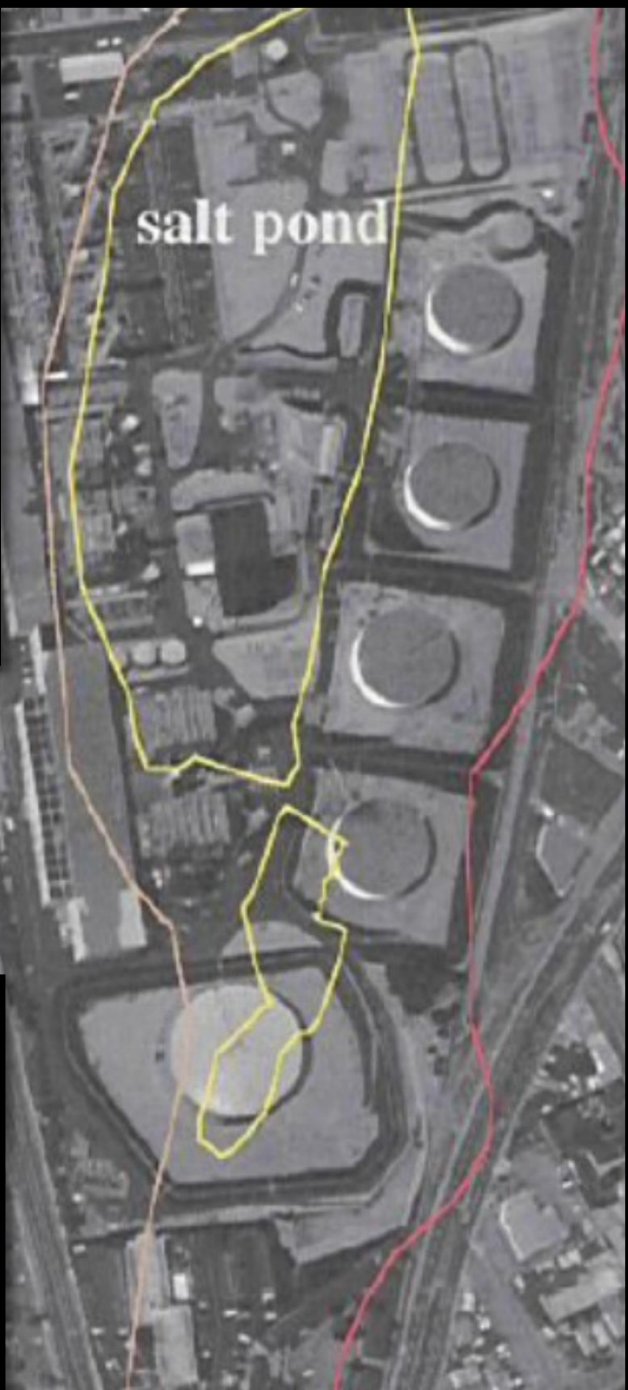
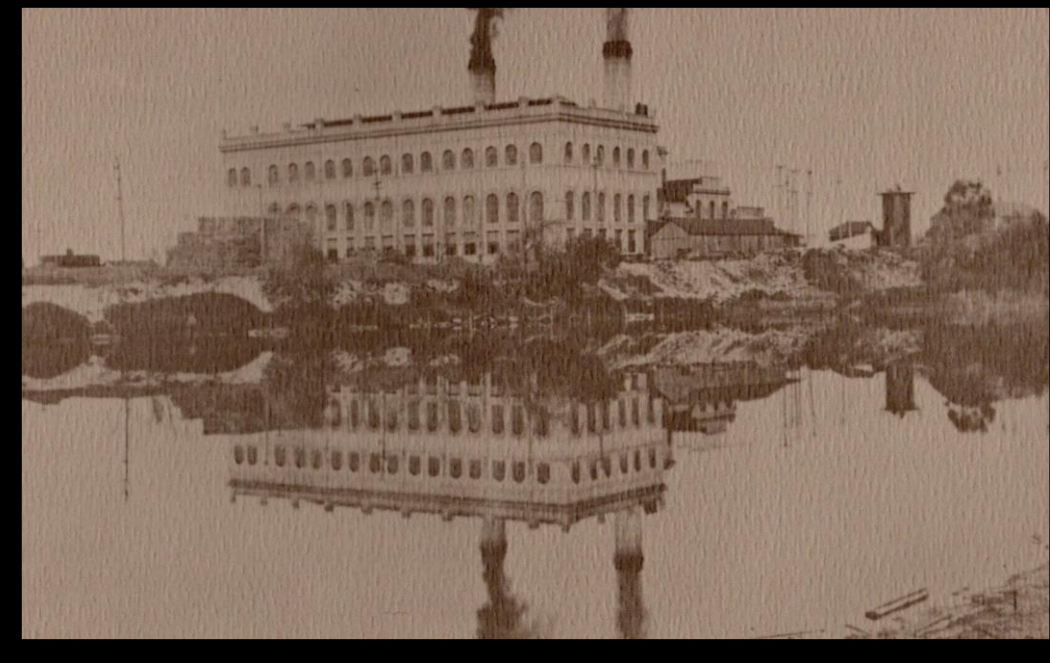
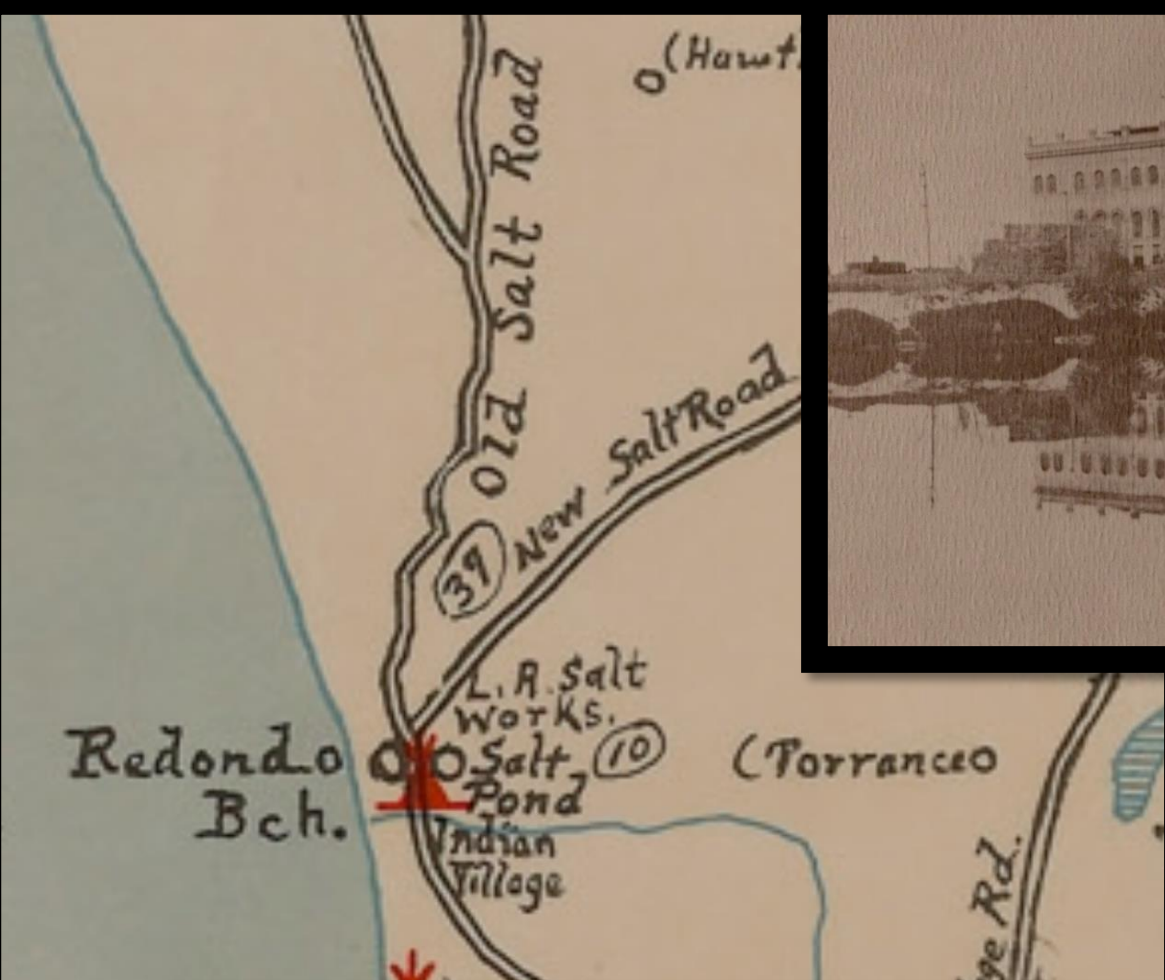




AES Site Status

- **2022** - Developer filed plan for 2700 condos plus other uses –
 - rejected as incomplete
- AES filed foreclosure notice on developer
- **2023** - Developer filed bankruptcy day before AES auction of property
- City Council denied appeal on application
- Developer filed lawsuit – Builder’s Remedy
- Judge found in favor of Redondo, now under appeal
- Power plant officially shut down operations
- **2024** - Bankruptcy proceedings in final extension
- Plant safing in work
 - Plant disconnected from 220KV lines
 - Natural gas lines capped
 - Hazardous liquids removed
 - Systems purged
- City Council approved negotiations with AES for potential outcome of bankruptcy







- ~11 acres of active wetlands
- Nearly 100 species of birds



Summary

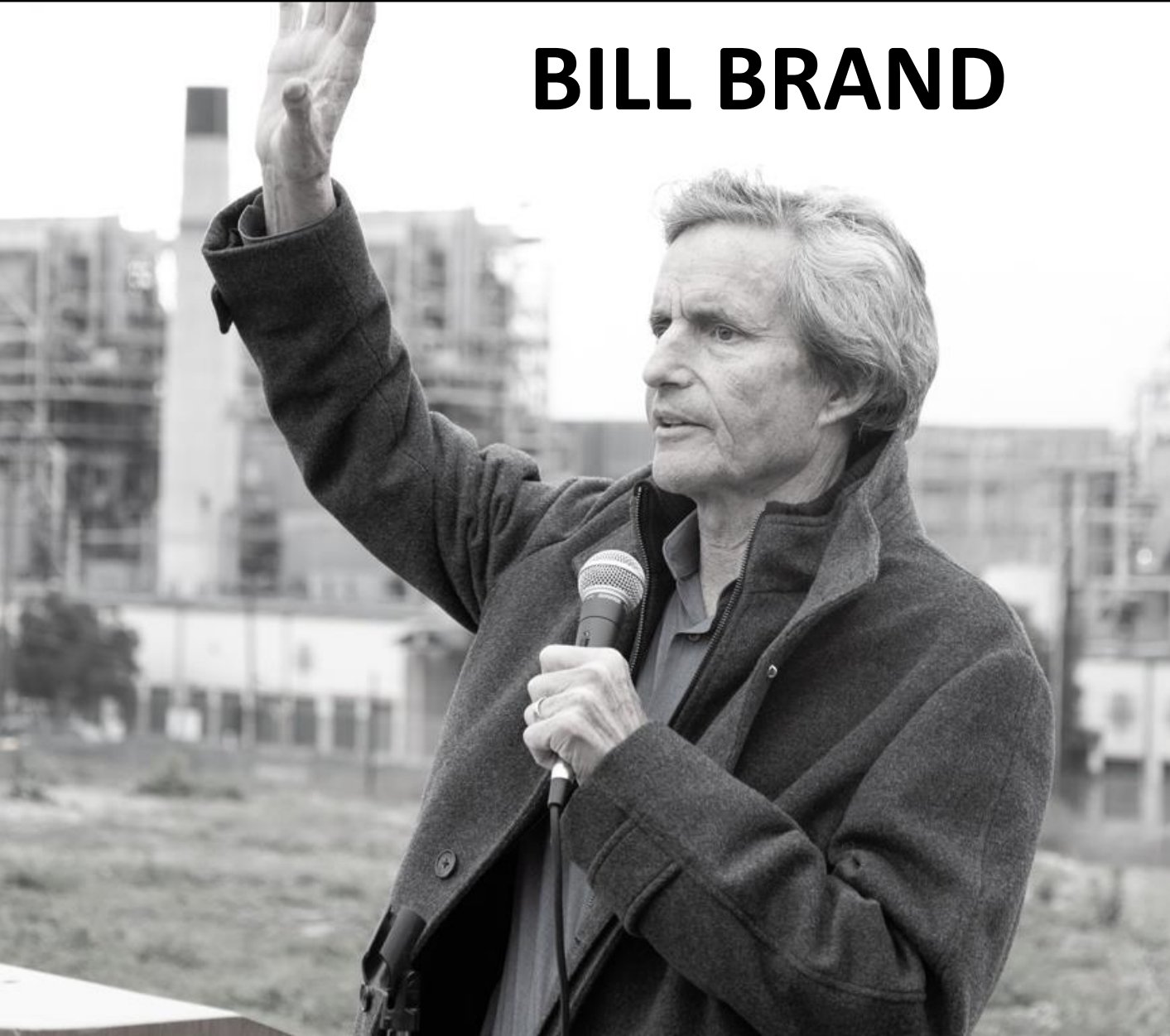
- 2023 was a year of building momentum
- Lots of forward movement across the city
- My main focus for 2024
 - Fight for C-line Hawthorne Option
 - Get South Bay Social District moving
 - Move forward on General Plan update
 - Compliance with Housing Element
 - Continue momentum in the harbor
 - Prepare for whatever happens with AES

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**2024
REDONDO BEACH
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT 2024

BILL BRAND



- 2002 – Heart of the City Referendum
- 2003 – HoC Redevelopment Agency Referendum
- 2004 – Founded South Bay Parkland Conservancy
- 2005 – Heart Park Vote
- 2006 – Stopped rezoning of Torrance Blvd for residential
 - Crafted Measure DD (Vote on Zoning)
- 2008 – Won Measure DD election
 - Started fight to shutdown power plant
- 2009 – Elected to City Council
- 2010 – Filed and won lawsuit to force DD vote on zoning
- 2012 – Crafted Measure A to phase out power plant
- 2013 – Sole Councilmember to oppose new power plant
- 2015 – Defeated Measure B (condos on AES site)
 - Started 3 prong strategy to stop harbor mall
 - Crafted Measure C rezoning to prevent mall
- 2017 – Defeated incumbent to become Mayor
 - Measure C wins election
- 2018 – Won CEQA lawsuit against mall in harbor
 - Appeal of harbor mall successful at CCC
 - Measure C approved by CCC with no changes
 - CenterCal withdraws mall project
 - Drafts statewide initiative for local control
- 2020 – AES formally withdraws power plant application
- 2021 – Bill's first time with majority on Council
- 2022 – Harbor Amenities Plan passed
- 2023 – Amenities Plan execution started
 - AES shutdown for good