

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0536

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The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Mabus:



As the newly elected Representative of California's 36th District and nearly a twenty year resident of San Pedro, I understand the importance of "Navy Days" to both our brave sailors and the communities they visit. I had the pleasure of working on San Pedro's Navy Days for nearly ten years while I served as a member of the Los Angeles City Council.

That is why I am writing to express my anger and outrage over the recent action of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). Earlier this week, NCIS provided maps to sailors visiting during Navy Week that warned them about venturing into parts of San Pedro deemed to be "High Drug Use/Distribution Areas." Such areas were highlighted in red to help sailors avoid areas thought to be dangerous.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

These so-called dangerous areas included San Pedro's Chamber of Commerce and our Historic Downtown and Arts District where local businesses were looking forward to welcoming the sailors to a much deserved break from duty.

I invite you to tour San Pedro with me. And then, once you have had an opportunity to visit our community, dine in our restaurants and meet the families who are proud to call San Pedro home, I would hope that you would then understand our dismay over these maps.

In addition, I'd ask that NCIS policy regarding the publication of such maps for domestic visits be reviewed and possibly changed.

Once again, I look forward to our walking tour of San Pedro.

Sincerely yours,



JANICE HAHN
Member of Congress