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Dear Harbor Master,

We are writing as residents of El Granada to express serious concern regarding the treatment of the restaurant at Pillar Point Harbor and the conditions threatening its viability.

The Harbor Commissioners initially agreed to reduce the restaurant's rent from $20,000 to $14,500 for October through December, acknowledging financial hardship. That decision was later reversed, and the owners are now being asked to provide a personal guarantee of their private property, despite having already invested $1.72 million to fully rehabilitate the building with new kitchens and a complete interior rebuild.

Equally concerning is the ongoing lack of parking enforcement. Two-hour parking limits for sportfishing visitors are not enforced, resulting in all-day parking directly in front of and behind the restaurant and leaving no space for customers. In addition, the Board has allowed food trucks and mobile bars to operate directly in front of the restaurant entrance, most recently in December 2025, further obstructing access.

Requests for basic enforcement—ticketing and towing long-term parkers and relocating mobile vendors—have gone

unanswered. This is not a personal issue; it is a request for consistent, fair enforcement of harbor rules so a local business can operate.

This family has supported the harbor and community by serving the fishing fleet, offering 30% discounts to teachers and first responders, and investing their life savings into this location. They are now facing extraordinary pressure at a time of serious health challenges.

We respectfully request:

- Immediate enforcement of two-hour parking limits
- Relocation of food trucks and mobile bars away from the restaurant entrance
- A good-faith rent renegotiation reflecting current conditions

We urge you to reconsider the current approach and work toward a fair and reasonable solution.

Theresa Wigginton
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