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August 21, 2026

Dear Mayor Silverstein and Malibu City Council,

I am writing to reiterate my strong support for Malibu's Pier-to-Pier passenger ferry project and its vision to Restore California's coastal connectivity through reliable daily ferry service.

As I have previously communicated, I support transportation investments that improve mobility, reduce congestion, strengthen emergency preparedness, and support the economic recovery of communities across the region. The Pier-to-Pier project advances each of these goals. A reliable daily ferry service would give residents, visitors, and commuters a practical alternative to traveling on Pacific Coast Highway and connecting Malibu with Santa Monica, Marina del Rey, Long Beach, and other coastal destinations. The project would also support improvements to existing pier infrastructure and provide important transportation options as Southern California prepares to host major events, including the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

I also want to be clear that my support for this project does not constitute support for increased residential density in Malibu's Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. SB 79 was intended to encourage thoughtfully located housing around meaningful, high-capacity transit systems serving everyday mobility. It was not intended to treat limited tourism-oriented ferry service—with a small number of daily passenger trips—as a basis for imposing increased density. I do not support increasing density in areas that face extraordinary wildfire risk.

My support of this is fundamentally about transportation, safety, congestion reduction, and economic recovery—not residential development. The project would provide an alternative to automobile travel on Pacific Coast Highway, reduce vehicle trips, improve traffic and public safety, support local businesses, advance environmental goals, and create additional transportation capacity for residents and visitors.

For these reasons, I encourage the City of Malibu to continue pursuing the Pier-to-Pier project and other creative transportation solutions. We can expand transportation choices, improve emergency preparedness, reduce congestion, and support wildfire recovery without compromising our commitment to responsible development in the Very High Fire Hazard Zone.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pier-to-Pier passenger ferry project. If you have any questions regarding my support, please get in touch with my office at (310) 414-8190 or via email at senator.allen@sen.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

BEN ALLEN
Senator, 24th District