



# *City of Imperial Beach, California*

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After carefully listening to residents, City Councilmembers, City staff and the City Attorney at the recent City Council meeting and Open Air Open House City Forum, and to underscore my commitment to open and transparent government, I am retracting the Welcoming City proclamation due to its policy directive that should have been subject to City Council, City staff and public review through a City Council resolution. At this time I want to make sure that we can devote our resources to carry out the City's critical work to defend Imperial Beach against legal action by the City of Coronado over the provision of sewer services to the U.S. Navy's Special Warfare Coastal Campus, continue to advocate for clean beaches, and expand the investment in needed infrastructure for neighborhoods throughout the City. I, along with our City Council and City staff, remain committed to supporting a welcoming, friendly, inclusive, respectful, and tolerant City and community with an open and transparent government that respects the valuable contributions of immigrants to our city and our country.

Sincerely,

Serge Dedina  
Imperial Beach Mayor