



## LIGHTHOUSE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MARITIME PROGRAM

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Ayuntamiento de Málaga  
Avenida de Cervantes, 4-29016  
Málaga, España

To the City and People of Malaga,

It is my understanding that there is an effort underway to remove Astilleros Nereo and incorporate the premises into the current "Paseo Marítimo". The Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program (LAMP), the research and archaeological branch of the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum has been collaborating with Astilleros Nero on the *Galveztown* Replica Project and plan to collaborate on future projects such as a Phoenician ship. These projects and others planned for the future will benefit the economies of both Malaga and St. Augustine through heritage tourism.

It seems strange that an agency should want to knock down Astilleros Nereo for a Paseo Marítimo. Instead, the Astilleros should be made a feature of the Paseo Marítimo in order to showcase Malaga's maritime past.

The collaborative relationship established between Astilleros Nereo and LAMP through the Galveztown Replica Project is an international partnership that has at its heart civilian diplomacy, strengthening the bonds between Spain and the United States, not through governments but people to people.

We urge you to permit the continuance of the Astilleros Nereo, not only so that the tradition of boat carpentry may continue but also so that your community may prosper economically from increased heritage tourism but also to permit the continuation and growth of friendship and understanding between the people of Spain and the United States through these collaborative projects.

Yours Sincerely,

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