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Subject: Letter of Support: Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal project

To Whom it May Concern:

Attached are the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce's comments on the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal project. Please contact me with any questions.

Regards,
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Subject: Support Letter for Approval of Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal

Gentlemen:

The Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, and our membership of industrial firms, is deeply committed to the success of the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal project.

We have followed the issue of energy supply in Southern California, and prepared a white paper on this subject in 2007 for the California Legislature. We have met with, and attended presentations by the California Energy Commission, the Western States Petroleum Association and other experts in the field of Southern California petroleum supply, throughout the past five years. In addition, we have followed the evolution of this project locally, within our organization, for nearly ten years.

In our view, there is no more important industrial project to this region. Our region is dependent upon an ever-growing volume of imported crude oil and petroleum products for its economic wellbeing. These products fuel our trucks, trains, ships, buses, and transit systems.

However, the ability to import this crude oil is dependent upon the availability of modern, high volume petroleum marine oil terminals. The current marine oil terminals at both the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, through which the majority of our imported petroleum now passes, are generally undersized, and require significant seismic upgrade, to remain in effective operation. If this petroleum were to be cut off, due to an earthquake, for example, the economic effects on the 15+ million people of Southern California would be immediate, as there is very little storage

anymore for the petroleum in the region. This shortage could rapidly reach a catastrophic level, as there is no alternative source of supply for this petroleum. Therefore, the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal project, with its very high throughput and storage capacity, and state-of-the-art design standards, is absolutely essential to the economic well being of our region.

We recognize that we must rapidly diversify into other energy sources, and our membership is committed to helping accomplish this. We also recognize that the San Pedro and Wilmington communities buy-in and involvement in the understanding and approval of this project are very important. Therefore, we have helped organize forums to showcase and explain the importance of this project to such community organizations as the Port of Los Angeles Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC), on which the Harbor Association serves as a board member. We are committed to remaining involved in, and expanding, these activities to ensure the successful completion of this project.

In summary, the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, in the strongest possible way, endorse the approval, construction and operation of the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal project.

Sincerely,

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President