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Dear Drs. Appy & MacNeil:

I am writing this letter in support of the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal. There are many reasons for me supporting the project; the biggest is the jobs it will bring to our community. The project will generate and estimated 4,800 annual full-time construction jobs with wages of approximately \$350 million. Pier 400 will be built with union labor and is estimated to generate 172 full time high-paying jobs in the harbor area with annual wages of approximately \$9 million. The taxes it will create for our state and local areas will also be of benefit. The project will produce approximately \$33.5 million in one-time state and local taxes in the construction phase and about \$5 million annually thereafter.

My support also comes from the safety standards the project will meet. Pier 400 will be built to new stringent State Lands, State Fire Marshal and US Department of Transportation safety standards and will incorporate the latest engineering and construction practices. The project will also be designed to include the latest US Coast Guard and Port of Los Angeles security requirements.

My last point is in regards with green development. Pier 400 will berth the most modern ships with highly regulated fuel use standards, which will serve to improve overall air quality in our community. The terminal will be designed to allow rapid cargo offloading to reduce the time a vessel remains in the terminal. There will also be electric-powered shore-side pumps that will minimize the use of the vessel pumps and reduce fuel usage and emissions. All these points are beneficial and that's exactly what this port and community need.

Respectfully,



Toni Plescia