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**Subject:** Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal

Dear Dr. Ralph G. Appy and Dr. Spencer D. MacNeil,

As a resident of San Pedro I strongly oppose the proposal by Plains All American Pipeline Co. to develop a massive Supertanker terminal at Pier 400 in our outer harbor. Our community has worked for years to try to develop a beautiful waterfront, and this proposed project is another step towards the further industrialization and down-right uglification of our harbor.

My major concern however, much more critical than our ongoing attempts at beautification, is the additional pollution and negative health impact this project will have on our air quality, which is already horrible. I have three children, one of whom has asthma, and the toxic emissions of the oil tankers that come in and out of our Port have had a terrible impact on the health of our children in the areas surrounding the Port. Our community and our CHILDREN have suffered enough because of the toxic effects of our ever-expanding Port. The Port should be working on ways to DECREASE the toxic emissions spewing from the ships that come to call, rather than approving projects that will increase the toxic air pollution in our communtiy. It was outrageous when the Port failed it's promise to our community to relocate the toxic and inflammable materials near Gaffey Street when Pier 400 was created, and instead turned it into the massive Maersk Terminal. The fact that environmental "credits" for this polluting project will be purchased to offset the toxic emissions it causes means nothing to San Pedrans when they can be used anywhere in the state to clean up other areas. That is an affront to us who live here in this community!

The health and welfare of the people of our community should not be sacrificed for another polluting project that will benefit an oil company and the goals for expansion of the Port of Los Angeles. Our community has already suffered greatly with the effects of toxic emissions coming from the Port. The Port of LA and our government should be investing in sustainable energy and alternative fuels rather than building new oil infrastructure and continuing our dependence on oil from the Middle East. Who does this project truly benefit? Obviously not the people of San Pedro or the surrounding communities! I believe the vast majority of San Pedrans would oppose this project if they knew about it.

Sincerely,

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