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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Regulatory Division c/o Spencer D. MacNeil D.Env. ATTN: CESPL-RG-2004-00917-SDM P.O. Box 532711 Los Angeles, California 90053-2325



Dr. Ralph G. Appy, Director of Environmental Management Port of Los Angeles 425 South Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731

Re: Support for Pacific L.A. Marine LLC Pier 400, Berth 408 Draft SEIS/SEIR

Dear Mr. MacNeil and Dr. Appy:

I am writing on behalf of Central City Association of Los Angeles (CCA) in support of the proposed Pier 400, Berth 408 petroleum terminal project. Established in 1924, CCA is L.A.'s premier business advocacy association whose 450 members employ over 350,000 people in the Los Angeles region.

The existing petroleum import infrastructure at the Port of Los Angeles is near capacity and is inadequate to accommodate anticipated growth. As an organization that promotes the economic well being and sustainability of Los Angeles, we strongly believe that this project will benefit our community enormously by providing jobs and generating revenue while adhering to environmental principles.

The Pier 400 project will have a broad, positive impact on California. The project will be a great source of economic stimulus for the Southern California region, creating 6,300 full-time construction jobs that will provide \$518,700,000 in wages and 230 full-time ongoing jobs that will provide \$12,330,000 in wages. Tax revenues will skyrocket: the State of California will receive over \$41 million; Los Angeles County will receive over \$4 million; and the City of Los Angeles alone will receive \$7,300,000. Schools, our public health care system, and police and fire protection will all be supported by this tax windfall. The project will also boost our economy by keeping oil prices as low as possible.

This project is critical to maintain the orderly and economic delivery of petroleum to the Los Angeles Basin. California is running out of its conventional supplies of crude oil, and even with ongoing conservation efforts, the Los Angeles area alone will need twice as much oil by 2015. To attract new sources from around the world, we must have the infrastructure to accept these imports. The project will provide at least 25 percent of the oil we need in this region.

It is important to keep in mind that as critical as this project is for our economy, it is being planned in the most environmentally responsible manner possible. The project is highly mitigated and meets many stringent environmental requirements and objectives, including those of the Port's Clean Air Action Plan. It will be one of most efficient, least polluting facilities of its kind in the world, setting a new global standard. The project also incorporates state-of-the-art security and safety technology. This commitment needs to be recognized – good projects like Pier 400, Berth 408 should be encouraged by our community.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to approve the Pier 400, Berth 408 project, and thus ensure the continued prosperity of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.

Sincerely,

Carol E. Schatz

President & CEO

Central City Association of Los Angeles