

January 30, 2009

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

RE: Wilmington Waterfront Project

Dear Dr. Appy,

Having been around the waterfronts my entire life, both along the New Jersey Shore and now in the Long Beach/Los Angeles area, my wife and I read with excitement the Port's plan for development of the Wilmington Waterfront.

Of particular interest would be the benefits offered to the youth of the area. Having been a competitive rower for over 30 years and having rowed/raced on the waters of the Port, the development of this area which could easily include a youth rowing program, would offer many benefits to junior high and high school aged community members such as increased health awareness and exposure to college programs (USC and others).

We also understand that the USC Rowing Program has offered to provide housing for a Community youth rowing program, my question to you is why stop there. Rowing is a sport that adults can be introduced to and once proficient can do for many years. The waters of the Port offer an ideal location for such an endeavor.

Therefore, we congratulate the POLA and USC Rowing for their future thinking and vision to utilize this area for the benefit of the community. My wife and I await further development and information on this project and are excited about the prospect of seeing a community rowing program using the many miles of calm water.

Best Regards,

Bill and Cindy Bater