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Dr. Ralph G. Appy,  
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San Pedro, CA 90731

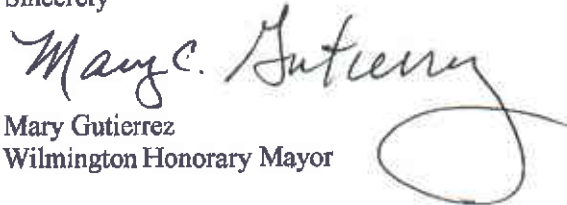
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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c/o Spencer D. MacNeil D.Env.  
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Dear Drs. Appy & MacNeil:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for Plains All American and their proposed project on Pier 400. I support the project for four primary reasons.

- First, it fulfills the Port's existing master plan that has long intended such a project. The Port sold the "Energy Island" project to the community based on this type of use – yet so far it is only being used for containers (I'm disappointed).
- Second, such a facility is vital to offset the rapid decline of existing crude oil production in California. It could provide Southern California with a big percentage of its oil demand at a better economy of scale than bringing in smaller vessels on a more frequent basis. Additionally, without the new facility - more movements could create more potential for spills or releases.
- Third, I feel it will be a positive asset to our economy. It would provide additional ongoing annual state and local taxes plus offer over 150 permanent, high paying jobs for our local community.
- Last, it offers something that both the community and the Port have been working towards: Green technology. The facility would comply with SCAQMD, CARB and EPA as well as the Port's CAAP regulations. Pier 400 would attract the most modern vessels with highly regulated emission standards and they would produce very little emissions, which would then be offset by ERCs.

Sincerely

  
Mary Gutierrez  
Wilmington Honorary Mayor