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Mr. S. David Freeman
President
Harbor Commission
Port of Los Angeles
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro CA 90731

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This Thursday the Los Angeles Harbor Commission is due to take up the matter of approval of an amendment and submission to the Coastal Commission for the Main Channel Deepening Project, as well as approval of a supplemental EIR for same project. (item #10 on April 16th agenda). I have become aware of an opportunity for the Port of Los Angeles that I believe you may want to consider before adopting this amendment.

Gambol Industries has proposed an alternative to the proposal to fill in two slips at Berth 240Z that could bring green jobs, preserve historic buildings, and provide a shipyard for this area for the many smaller ships and boats that serve both ports. Gambol has a creative suggestion that could pass all needed environmental reviews as well as provide private funding instead of Port or City funding.

I encourage you to meet with the chair of Gambol Industries, Robert Stein, before taking a step that would forever close the door to this opportunity to create green jobs without public financing that could fit in with the Port's master plan. He can be reached at 562 494 3600.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Lowenthal".

BONNIE LOWENTHAL
Assemblymember, 54th District