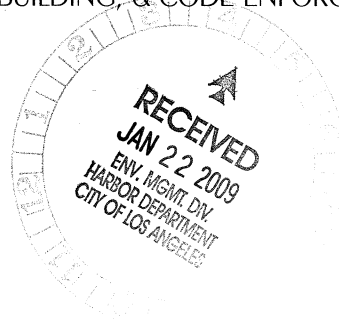


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Dr. Ralph G. Appy, Director of Environmental Management
Los Angeles Harbor Department
425 S. Palos Verdes St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

**SUBJECT: Comments on the Notice of Availability (NOA) for a Draft EIR for the
Wilmington Waterfront Project**

Dear Dr. Appy:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes appreciates the opportunity to comment upon the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above-mentioned project. We have reviewed the DEIR and attended the public hearing held on January 15, 2008.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is very impressed by the obvious community support for this project. We recognize the importance of the Port of Los Angeles as an economic driver in the South Bay, and that improving public access to the waterfront is a key factor in this economic success. For these reasons, we have similarly supported public access improvements in San Pedro. The Wilmington Waterfront project will also serve to increase trail linkages, which are very important to our residents, by improving a segment of the California Coastal Trail.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment upon this important project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (310) 544-5228 or via e-mail at kitf@rpv.com.

Sincerely,

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Associate Planner

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Carolyn Lehr, City Manager
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