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Dear Mr. MacNeil and Dr. Appy

I am writing as an informed resident and small business owner within the South Bay- Harbor Area that is in total **support** of the China Shipping EIR.

I support this project for the following reasons:

- The approval of this project is important for the <u>national and international</u> credibility of the Port of Los Angeles, which has had so many of its projects delayed for more than half a decade. These delays have hurt the competitiveness of our Ports, *and* our Southern California economy. By approving and completing this project, we can demonstrate to our international partners that we wish to continue the highly successful global business partnership with them in which we have invested so heavily, for so many years.
- This is an extremely well thought out project, which has been the subject
  of the most comprehensive planning and review, with an unparalleled level
  of impact mitigation. While any large industrial project will have impacts,
  the Port of Los Angeles and China Shipping have done an extraordinary
  job to mitigate impacts resulting from this project.
- Approval of this project also requires "green" port technologies, which are required as project mitigation measures.

It is because of these well known reasons that I have attached my support to the China Shipping EIR. I understand that there have been, and continue to be examinations of the environmental impacts of this project upon the Harbor and the community that surrounding it.

I believe that this program will introduce upgrades to the port and to the community, and introduce a green responsibility and sensibility for doing business in our harbor. It is about time that we provide an era that will promote not only economic progress, but also a progressive stance for our environment that will in turn nurture our future endeavors as we strive to become the most advanced and environmentally sound port in the world.

Also, what must be noted that during these harsh economic times, is that the China Shipping EIR bolster local, state, and federal economies. It is necessary to take these steps to ensure our place as one of the top international harbors of commerce and trade.

Sincerely,

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