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Dr. Ralph G. Appy, Director of Environmental Management Port of Los Angeles 425 South Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District Regulatory Division c/o Spencer D. MacNeil D.Env. ATTN: CESPL-RG-2004-00917-SDM P.O. Box 532711 Los Angeles, California 90053-2325

HAPPOR'S .

Dear Drs. Appy & MacNeil:

Plains All American Pipeline L.P., through its subsidiary, Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC, proposes to design and construct the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Pier 400 Project at the Port of Los Angeles. The Wilmington Coordinating Council proudly supports this initiative. We supports this project because it is environmentally friendly, it will create jobs, and because California has a need for it.

Southern California has a need- Currently the Los Angeles basin refineries receive their crude oil from California and Alaska. But the quantity of this oil is quickly declining. As a result the Los Angeles basin refineries will not be able to produce the products to sustain our economy and quality of life. Pier 400 will aid in replacing this meager supply by providing the facilities to accommodate tankers from various sources. Ultimately the project will be able to provide approximately 25% of Southern California refining needs.

Jobs and our Economy- The project is estimated to cost \$543 million and will generate and estimated 4,800 annual full-time construction jobs with wages of approximately \$350 million. All these jobs will be Union labor as well as the 172 permanent jobs it will offer for its maintenance after construction. These are much needed jobs in the Harbor area. The project will produce approximately \$33.5 million in one-time state and local taxes in the construction phase and about \$5 million annually thereafter. With counties near us heading into recession, it makes complete sense that these jobs and tax dollars are pivotal to the County of Los Angeles.

Environmental Considerations- We are also happy with the high environmental regard Plains All American has taken towards our community. The project will be one of the first to meet the goals of the Port's Clean Air Action Plan. The facility will attract the most modern ships with highly regulated fuel use standards and it is designed to allow rapid cargo offloading to minimize the time a vessel remains in port. These and other components will reduce emissions to the maximum extent possible. Pier 400 will comply with stringent CARB, EPA and SCAQMD regulatory requirements and offset 120% of berth operation related emissions.

The benefits to our community and to all of Southern California are many. David Wright and Pains All American have been amazing since the beginning. Our community needs this and that is why the Wilmington Coordinating Council supports this project.

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