



China Shipping
Comments by Larry Keller
Regarding
The Port of Los Angeles Draft EIR/EIS
For
The Berth 97-109 Container Terminal Project

I am Larry Keller, and am writing to comment on the Berth 97-109 Project as 2007-2008 President of the International Business Association of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

I fully support the EIR/EIS and ask that it be approved so that the terminal can be built.

The China Shipping Terminal has, without a doubt, been the subject of more studies, investigations and mitigations than any other development in either Los Angeles or Long Beach. It has been held to a higher standard—a 2001 environmental baseline—even though its first phase has been in operation for several years and has used cold ironing, alternative fuels and other advanced technologies to offset its environmental impacts.

All of these mitigations are important and it is also important that the Port and its business partners have the ability to expand and to prepare to handle the predicted growth in business efficiently and responsibly, while bringing much needed family wage jobs to the community.

It is worth noting that the China Shipping Terminal is sited at the property on which Todd Shipyard built ships for many years. When Todd ceased operations all of the jobs were lost and there was much hardship. Notably, some of the displaced workers were able to find work on the docks and many people in the community wanted a new workplace created at the Todd location.

The new China Shipping Terminal provides that workplace and will create many well-paying jobs for our residents while mitigating its environmental impacts with historically innovative and responsible technologies.

I urge approval of the China Shipping EIS/EIR.

Thank You