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Dear Drs. Appy & MacNeil:

On behalf of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, let me express our wholehearted support for the Pier 400, Berth 408 Petroleum Receiving Terminal Project proposed by Plains All American Pipeline. As an organization that promotes the economic and environmental well being of San Pedro, we strongly believe that this project will benefit our community enormously.

It is important to keep in mind that as critical as this project is for our economy, with the myriad economic benefits it will bring to both the City of Los Angeles and the State of California, the terminal is being planned in the most environmentally responsible manner possible. It will set a new standard globally for petroleum projects of this kind. This commitment needs to be recognized – good projects like Pier 400, Berth 408 Petroleum Terminal should be encouraged by the community.

We applaud the proponent's commitment to low sulfur diesel, cold-ironing and the objectives of the San Pedro Bay Clean Air Action Plan. We are also impressed by their potential adoption of new technologies such as the Advanced Marine Emissions Control System. This commitment to clean air within the Harbor Area is unmatched by any other petroleum terminal at the Port of Los Angeles.

We cannot fail to note that the State Lands Commission, in a recent study, found three out of the five existing petroleum terminals to be seismically unsafe. This project has been designed to the highest safety standards and could ensure the strategic flow of oil to the Los Angeles Basin in the event of a major earthquake.

For these reasons, we support the certification of the Supplementary Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study and urge the prompt approval of the project by the Port of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Camilla Townsend  
President/CEO  
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce