

FAVORABLE COURT RULING FOR THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

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SAN PEDRO (CA) – Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Dzintra Janavs has issued a decision in the case of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) v. City of Los Angeles. Judge Janavs denied the NRDC's petition for writ of mandate, finding that the Port and Board of Harbor Commissioners acted in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act and other laws in approving the lease and Coastal Development Permit for the Phase I China Shipping Terminal at Berth 100.

"The current Board of Harbor Commissioners has always been very sensitive to all environmental laws," stated Harbor Commission President Nick Tonsich. "Judge Janavs validated that the Board of Harbor Commissioners' actions of October 10, 2001, with regard to Phase I of the China Shipping project were in compliance with the law," Tonsich stated. "The Port will continue to assure that all environmental reviews in Phases II and III are fully completed and that due diligence for the laws and environmental mitigation measures are fully implemented to ensure that the residents of Wilmington and San Pedro continue to enjoy a high quality of life," concluded Tonsich.

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