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Gentlemen:

On June 17, 2008 the Board of Directors of the Harbor City/ Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously, with two abstentions, to support the Pier 400, Berth 408 Crude Oil Terminal project.

We believe that the proposed project will safely, and in an environmentally superior manner, achieve the objectives as stated in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/ Supplemental Environment Impact Study. Further, we believe that the No-Federal Action, Reduced-Project and No-Project alternatives all fail to achieve the objectives as described in Section 2.3.

The petroleum importation infrastructure of the San Pedro Bay ports is insufficient to fulfill the future demand for crude oil. In order to meet that demand, it is important to optimize the abilities of the ports to receive crude oil. Only the proposed project will achieve that goal.

With water depth of 81 feet and a wide anchorage area near the Angel's Gate, Pier 400 is the ideal location for a crude oil terminal engineered to service Very Large Crude Carriers. (VLCCs). These modern tankers will enable energy companies to take advantage of the economy of scale in their importation of crude oil. None of the alternatives will accommodate these vessels. In fact, the proposed project would almost triple the capacity of petroleum into the Ports under the No Federal Action/No Project alternatives.

Energy is crucial to the economic vitality of the Southern California. The Plains All American Pipeline LP project provides for the most efficient and economical importation of our most important energy source. It is for that reason that we urge your respective agencies to certify the environmental documents.

Sincerely,
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:


Joeann Valle,
Executive Director