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Dear Drs. Appy & MacNeil:

There is no denying the hard time our country is going through. Many companies and business have seen sells go down, some going bankrupt. Some of our surrounding counties have even gone into the beginning stages of a recession. L.A. has barely managed to keep out of these. That is why the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC is so important. The project will create hundreds of jobs for our communities, it will provide extensive revenue in taxes for our county, and, most importantly, Los Angeles has a need for this type of facility.

Economic development is crucial for our developing cities. This project will create 6,300 Full Time Equivalent jobs during construction and it will allow for 230 jobs once construction is completed. The goal of the Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is to promote the development of the Business Community. This project is sure to do that. In taxes Los Angeles County will receive over \$4 million during construction and over \$1 million every year thereafter. Apart from our local taxes this project will give the state of California over \$41 million in one time taxes and close to \$1 million every year after construction. This money is sure to give fuel the boost our economy is in need for.

Los Angeles will need this type of facility. At this moment most of the oil we use here comes from other parts of California and Alaska. But these sources will soon run low. We will need a facility to accommodate tankers from around the globe. Pier 400 will assist in replacing the supply by providing the facilities to accommodate tankers from more many sources.

This project is being proposed by a responsible company and workforce. They have taken our concerns about pollution and applied the latest technology to diminish its effects. All these points and more make this project preferred to the "no built" alternative. These among others points are why the Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce supports the construction of the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC.

Sincerely,

Sandy Cajas
President and CEO

