



ECONOMIC ALLIANCE
OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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Dear Mr. MacNeil and Dr. Appy:

Subject: Support for Approval of China Shipping EIR

On behalf of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, I am writing to add our support to the approval of the China Shipping EIR. We support this project for the following reasons:

- The approval of this project is important for the national and international credibility of the Port of Los Angeles, which has had so many of its projects delayed for more than half a decade. These delays have hurt the competitiveness of our Ports, and our Southern California economy. By approving and completing this project, we can demonstrate to our international partners that we wish to continue the highly successful global business partnership with them in which we have invested so heavily.
- This is an extremely well thought out project, which has been the subject of the most comprehensive planning and review, with an unparalleled level of impact mitigation. While any large industrial project will have impacts, the Port of Los Angeles and China Shipping have done an extraordinary job to mitigate impacts resulting from this project.
- Approval of this project also requires "green" port technologies, which are required as project mitigation measures. These will be developed and produced locally, with local labor in progressively greater volumes. We are working with the San Pedro and Wilmington Chambers, area universities and technology firms to make San Pedro and Wilmington the global center of the port technology industry.

We ask you to consider our request for support on this project.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Ackerman
President and CEO