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Ms. Geraldine Knatz
Port of Los Angeles/Los Angeles Harbor Commission
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FEDERATION OF LABOR
AFL-CIO

Dear Ms. Knatz:

Maria Elena Durazo
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

I am writing to express the strong support of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO for the proposed Pier 400, Berth 408 terminal project. Our organization recognizes this project will benefit local workers, the economy and this community, providing a safe, reliable, and an environmentally sound facility to provide for our current and on-going energy needs.

Ricardo E. Lopez
President

Plains has shown itself to be a good partner to the local community and the working women and men of this region. The owners of this project have committed to a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with local hiring provisions to build the project and have also agreed to provide neutrality as it relates to the permanent employees ability to organize. Additionally, Plains is working closely with the neighbors of the Harbor and adjacent communities.

As you know, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor has been a strong supporter of increasing the use of renewable energy sources and energy conservation. But we recognize Los Angeles and our region still will need reliable supplies to transition away from dirtier fuels, while the renewable infrastructure is built.

The project will have significant economic benefits for the region, creating 6,300 full-time jobs and providing \$518,700,000 in wages. It will also generate significant tax revenues for the state and region as the State of California will receive over \$41 million; Los Angeles County will receive over \$4 million; and the City of Los Angeles alone will receive \$7,300,000.

In addition to the significant economic benefits, this project being planned in the most environmentally responsible manner possible. It will set a new standard globally for petroleum projects of this kind.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to approve the Pier 400, Berth 408 project, and thus ensure the continued prosperity of the Los Angeles region.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Ralph Appy, Port of Los Angeles