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Please find attached the comment letter from FuturePorts for the above mentioned project.

Sincerely,

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Re: Pier 400, Berth 408 Project  
Draft SEIR/DEIS Documents

Dear Dr. MacNeil and Dr. Appy:

On behalf of FuturePorts and its members, we are pleased to support the Port of Los Angeles' draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal. We congratulate the Port of Los Angeles (Port) on producing this document.

This project is very important to the residents and businesses of Southern California, and will supply 25% today's crude oil needs providing the energy sources that we need to support our economy. The project also takes great strides in meeting the green growth goals put forward in the Clean Air Action Plan. FuturePorts supports port growth, and the appropriate accommodation of that growth.

It is a fact that growing our ports in a clean, responsible manner is critical not only to growing the Southern California and national economies, but also to improving our air quality. As with any business it is imperative to have continuous improvement and operational enhancements and Port facilities are no different.

There are many positive aspects to the Pier 400, Berth 408 project, and following is a list of a few of them that illustrate why we support approval of the project.

- Electric-powered shore side pumps reduces vessel emissions at the docks
- Use of Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) for vessels at berth

- Storage tanks will employ Best Available Control Technology (BACT)
- High-capacity pumps and large diameter pipelines ensure maximum offloading rates to shorten time vessels are in port
- Voluntary vessel speed reduction participation
- Use of low-sulfur fuels for ship' main and auxiliary engines
- Coastal Emission Reduction Credits will be provided to South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to offset emissions

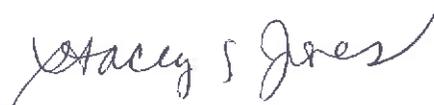
There is also the fact, which can not be stressed enough, that the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles are major economic drivers to this region, providing approximately 500,000 jobs in the greater five county region and more than 1 million jobs nationally. This project will create approximately 6,300 full-time equivalent construction jobs in Southern California with wages of approximately \$518 million. It will also generate approximately 230 full-time direct and indirect jobs in the harbor area through its ongoing operations, with annual wages of approximately \$12.3 million.

It is important that this document serves to reinforce the Ports' responsibility under the State Tidelands Trust to move forward with this project as it supports commerce and ensures the continued investment of its revenues to redevelop facilities such as the Pier 400, Berth 408 Project. This document also assures operational efficiencies at the Port; the use of the latest "green" technology; and the economic vitality of the Port while maintaining the quality of life for those most impacted by its operations.

FuturePorts believes in growth at a reasonable pace and to the extent the project proponent agrees that the mitigation is feasible for this particular project, the measures are acceptable. We expect that individual projects will have independent mitigation measures that will be designed on a case by case basis, as appropriate for the operations of that particular project and deemed feasible by the proponent.

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