

April 23, 2009

Port of Los Angeles
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California 90731

Attention:

Mr. S. David Freeman
President, Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners

Ms. Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Dr. Ralph Appy
Director of Environmental Management

Re: Port of Los Angeles Deepening Project
SEIS/SEIR

Ms. Knatz and Messrs. Freeman and Appy:

As a long time resident of San Pedro, I want to convey my strong support for the completion of the Port of Los Angeles Harbor Deepening Project and urge the Board of Harbor Commissioners to approve the SEIS/SEIR currently being considered for the Project. I further believe that the successful completion of the Project is vital to sustaining balanced growth at the Port.

Finally, it has come to my attention that there are efforts underway to revitalize the old SW Marine Shipyard site by Gambol Industries, rather than use the site as intended----a sediment disposal location for the Project. It is critical for the successful completion of the Project that the SW Marine site be used as specified in the SEIS/SEIR. It is truly shortsighted to contemplate using the SW Marine site for a highly speculative shipyard venture in lieu of improving the Port's navigational infrastructure by completing the Project. Completion will benefit numerous existing and potential tenants of the Port.

To reiterate, I support the approval of the Port of Los Angeles Deepening Project SEIS/SEIR.

Very truly yours,



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