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Dear Dr. Appy:

I am writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Business Council regarding the proposed Pier 400, Berth 408 petroleum terminal project.

The Pier 400 project will be a source of economic stimulus for the Southern California region, creating 6,300 full-time jobs and providing \$518,700,000 in wages. Tax revenues will increase dramatically: 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. This tax windfall will help to support the multitude of vital public services being affected by the current economic downturn.

This project is being planned in the most environmentally responsible manner possible with every precaution taken to ensure that the transportation of oil occurs in a safe and reliable manner. The commitment to economic growth and environmental stewardship reflected in the careful planning of this project must be recognized and supported by our community.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to approve the Pier 400, Berth 408 project.

Sincerely,


 Mary Leslie
 President