



CPMCA
California Plumbing & Mechanical
Contractors Association

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Dr. Ralph G. Appy
Port of Los Angeles
425 South Palos Verde's Street
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Dear Ralph:

I'm writing on behalf of the California Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association regarding the proposed Pier 400, Berth 408 petroleum terminal project. As an organization that promotes the economic well being of Los Angeles, we strongly believe that this project will enormously benefit our community. The California Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association currently represents over one hundred union plumbing, piping and mechanical contractors. These contractors employ over seven thousand plumbers and pipefitters who collectively amassed over twelve million man hours in 2007.

The Pier 400 project will have a broad and positive impact on California. The project will be a great 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 skyrocket: 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. Schools, our public health care system and police/fire protection will all be supported by this tax windfall.

It is important to keep in mind that as critical as this project is for our economy, it is being planned in the most environmentally responsible manner possible. It will set a new standard globally for petroleum projects of this kind. This commitment needs to be recognized – beneficial projects like Pier 400, Berth 408 should be encouraged by our community.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to approve the Pier 400, Berth 408 project, and thus ensure the continued prosperity of the contractors comprising the California Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association and the Southern California residents alike.

Sincerely,

Charles Martin
CPMCA Executive Director