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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed Pier 400, Berth 408 petroleum terminal project. As an organization that promotes the economic well being of the South Bay area, we strongly believe that this project will benefit our community enormously.

The Pier 400 project will have a broad, 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. Schools, our public health care system and police and 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 – good 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 South Bay Area Business Community.

Sincerely,

George Kivett
President