



January 30, 2009

Dr. Ralph Appy
Director of Environmental Management
Los Angeles Harbor Department
425 South Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Dr. Appy:

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project. We find that this project exemplifies the foundation of our Mission Statement

"The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce promotes, supports and enhances a positive business environment and improves the quality of life in the community."

We are particularly pleased with how this project will link the community to the waterfront as well as linking San Pedro with Wilmington through the extension of the Red Car Line and the California Coastal Trail. The commercial development that is incorporated into this project will attract local residents and visitors to the area, most of whom will spend money in support of local businesses.

We are also pleased with the thought that has gone into the environmental and economic sustainability of the project. The consideration for green technology business opportunities within the project area will bring high paying jobs and prestige to our community. These are critical components that will prevent the project area from deteriorating over time.

We are also appreciative of the mitigation that has been identified particularly regarding traffic and air quality, issues so important to our community.

The only concern we have is for funding. We realize that we are in uncertain economic times and all discretionary spending should be carefully evaluated before assuming financial obligations, particularly for projects that are not primarily revenue generators. While this project is important for the community of Wilmington, as a driver of such great economic

impact, the financial viability of the Port of Los Angeles should take precedence, and if it is unfeasible to proceed with the project within the identified timeline, it would be better to delay the project than to impose unhealthy spending requirements on the Port.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce looks forward to participating with the assisting the Port in facilitating the advancement of the Wilmington Waterfront Development Project.

Regards,



Patrick Wilson
President