

May 12, 2009

City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

Honorable Mayor
& Members Long Beach City Council

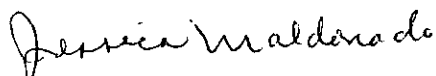
I am a resident of Wilmington and I am here to support the Coalition For A Safe Environment. I live in Wilmington with my family. I am concerned about the Port of Long Beach's expansion and the increase in air pollution from ships, trains and diesel trucks impacts on my family and community.

I know the port is doing many things to improve air quality but I want the port to invest in every new technology that is available that can reduce air pollution so that there is no significant impact to public health. I have heard that the Port is not going to use many new technologies that are available and I ask that the city council require the Port to reduce air pollution to less than significant, more than it has proposed.

I know many Wilmington families that have children suffering from asthma and many adults who have sinusitis, emphysema and many other health problems. I am concerned that no one seems to know how they are getting sick and how many people are ill. I want the Long Beach City Council to require a public health study of all residents living near the Port and along the Ports freight transportation corridors.

Many families do not have health insurance. I want to request that the City Council require the Port of Long Beach provide long term financial assistance for health care for Long Beach residents, Wilmington residents and other communities that are impacted by the Port of Long Beach business operations. The Port needs to always charge a container fee so that there is always money for public health care.

Sincerely,



Jessica Maldonado
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Long Beach City Council
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Dear City Council.

I am here to support the Coalition For A Safe Environment and not to support the Port of Long Beach expansion project. I live with my family in Wilmington and almost every family I know has members suffering from asthma, sinusitis, burning eyes, bronchitis and headaches which is being caused by air pollution from the ports and oil refineries.

I know that ports are major air pollution sources and I want the Long Beach City Council to not vote to support the Port of Long Beach Middle Harbor Project because it is not using every available technology to prevent air pollution. No increase in air pollution is acceptable if it will cause an increase in public health problems.

The port should pay for public health care for all residents and communities that are impacted by its business operations. The port should be required to conduct a public health survey to determine how many residents have health problems caused by the ports and its customers.

The City Council should require the port to do a study to determine all of the off-port property impacts caused by the ports and its customers. Port trucks cause air pollution, traffic on streets and highway, drive through our neighborhoods, drive near our schools, honk their horns all the time and cause more accidents. Port trains also cause air pollution, block traffic and make a lot of noise. I hear the train horns all day and night 24 hrs. a day.

I ask the Long Beach City Council to reject the Ports Environmental Impact Report because it is not complete and accurate.

Wilmington Resident,
Andrea Barrera
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Wilmington, Ca. 90744

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**City of Long Beach
Mayor Foster
Long Beach City Council
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Dear City Council,

I am here to support the Coalition For A Safe Environment and to oppose the Port of Long Beach Middle Harbor Redevelopment Project. I live in Wilmington with my family and do not want any increase in air pollution. Air pollution causes asthma, lung cancer and many health problems.

City Council members are responsible to protect public health first not to protect private businesses making millions of dollars in profits while we the public and our children are sick and have family members dying.

If the port cannot build a new terminal that is pollution free it does not deserve to be built. I have attended meetings where the Port of Long Beach project was discussed and have learned that the port will increase air pollution, will increase public health problems and will increase truck traffic.

I have also learned that the port is not using every available technology to prevent air pollution and control air pollution and that is not acceptable. The port has a responsibility to use public funds to invest in technologies that protect the public and our environment. The port is not doing everything that it can do.

I ask the City Council to require the port to conduct additional studies on public health, the health risk study that was done is not enough, it does not tell us how many people are sick, with what kind of illness, what kind of health care they need or the cost of health care. The Environmental Impact Report did not include an accurate study of all public impacts.

Concerned Wilmington Resident,

Miriam Gama

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Honorable Mayor & City Council,

My name is Sofia Carrillo, I live in Wilmington and I am here to oppose the Port of Long Beach Middle Harbor Redevelopment Project and support the Coalition For A Safe Environment. I work as a Community Organizer for the Coalition in the Harbor area.

I have met many families whose children, parents, cousins, aunts and uncles have died because of an acute asthma attack, lung cancer or COPD. I have learned that air pollution kills many innocent people, destroys many families lives and futures.

I have interviewed hundreds of families in the Harbor area while conducting community public health surveys and I know personally the pain, suffering and financial hardships many families are having.

I have learned that Ports, shipping companies, big companies like Walmart, Kmart, Sam's Club and Costco etc, are responsible for causing the air pollution.

I am not against Ports, business or creating jobs. I am against air pollution and freight transportation impacts on human lives and the environment. I support green, clean and safe jobs.

The Port of Long Beach Middle Harbor can be a great project and the # 1 cleanest Port project in the world only if it uses all the best and cleanest technologies and mitigates all of its negative public impacts.

I ask you the Long Beach City Council not to approve the 50% proposed clean Middle Harbor Project, a 60% clean project or an 80% clean project. I am asking you to approve the cleanest project possible and I know that it can be over 90% clean.

I would like to ask the City Council to require the port to do a study to determine all of the ports and its customers health and non-health impacts on the public. The EIR did not include a complete or accurate study of all negative public impacts.

Sincerely,



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