

May 12, 2009

Long Beach City Council
City of Long Beach
333 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor
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Dear Long Beach City Council.

I live in Wilmington with my family and I am here to support the Coalition For A Safe Environment. I have learned that the Port of Long Beach is a major air polluter and its business activities are having an impact on my families and communities health.

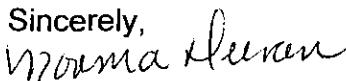
Ports are always expanding and growing bigger. I also see more and more people getting sick with asthma, bronchitis, emphysema and lung cancer.

I have learned that the Middle Harbor Project will be one of the largest expansion projects in the Port of Long Beach's history. I do not support any expansion project that will increase air pollution and cause an impact on my family's health. If the Port cannot build a non-polluting project they should not build anything. No increase in air pollution is acceptable if it impacts public health or global warming.

I do not want more trucks driving through my community or on our public freeways. They are major air polluters, cause more accidents, cause our car insurance to increase, drop oil all over our streets, block my view when driving and block streets when they turn. I want the port to put more containers on the Alameda Corridor trains to keep them off our freeways and streets.

Before the port expands I want the port to conduct a public health survey of Long Beach residents and all communities that border the Port of Long Beach and its truck and train routes. I cannot find one comprehensive health survey that the port has conducted to determine its impacts on public health. I want the port to also provide public health care funds to other impacted communities and cities

Sincerely,



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