**July 18, 2007** 

**Mayor Bob Foster Councilman Gary DeLong** City of Long Beach

**Honorable Sirs:** 

**Seaport Marina Project** 

This is to express my appreciation for your service to the residents of Long Beach and ask that you again secure a reasonable compromise that allows continued development in this great city. As a resident and property owner in Belmont Shore I must travel through the Marina Seaport area regularly I am acutely aware of the need for renewal of this blighted property and the existing traffic conditions.

We cannot wish for hotel development if it makes no commercial sense to the profit making potential developers. We should not use governmental power to extract funds from developers for unrelated projects or expenses no matter how worthy—including wetlands restoration. Let the coastal commission do that.

As a member of the Belmont Shore Residents Association Board I have heard presentations on this proposed development. It sounds like all parties of good faith can arrive at a reasonable compromise. City staff has many good ideas about how this can be accomplished. Do not let the crazy anti-development no compromise group kill off this needed re-development.

A strong and growing city-needs profit making commercial development to pay taxes, -needs development of high density housing to meet the needs of new residents and -needs to recognize that all progress comes with some trade-offs. compromises, and modest negative environmental impact. Roy V. Hanson

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