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The Mayor & City Council
The City of Long Beach, California
333 West Ocean Boulevard
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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

CITY COUNCIL MTG, ITEM #1 (15-0633) MITSUBISHI CEMENT CORP EIR

As President/CEO of the Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, I urge that the City Council deny the appeals of the Mitsubishi Cement Corporations Environmental Impact Report, which was recently certified by the Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Many of you know our organization and of the partnership that we have with the Port of Long Beach. It is a special relationship that we highly value.

I spoke in favor of the Mitsubishi Cement project during the EIR hearing and I wish to emphasize my previous comments and renew our support for the project. And the Environmental Impact Report.

We support the modernization of the Mitsubishi Terminal and are impressed by the environmental standards that they have set. It's an expansion of their previous efforts that have made them one of the pioneers of dockside emissions control.

But of special importance to the Regional Hispanic Chamber is that this project will provide an additional supply of cement here in Southern California.

Many of our members are construction companies that rely on an available supply of cement to build roads, buildings and infrastructure.

In 2007, there was a worldwide shortage of cement, and projects were delayed- which meant jobs were lost or delayed. It is vital to our membership that we have an adequate supply of cement so that we can keep moving jobs forward. Like the Port of Long Beach, our members have just been through the greatest economic recession since the Great Depression. Our members are emerging stronger than before, but need this project to go forward so we can continue to grow our businesses and ensure that we can provide new jobs to our community. This project will help that effort.

Thank you for your consideration, and I urge you to deny the appeals and uphold the EIR.

Sincerely,

THE REGIONAL HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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President/CEO