



March 24, 2011

Mayor Bob Foster and Members of the Long Beach City Council
333 West Ocean Blvd., 14th Floor
Long Beach, California 90802

Re: Long Beach Leadership for Health and Jobs

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

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1': Formally Oppose the SCIG and ICTF Proposed Projects through a Resolution

Communities in Long Beach are already severely overburdened with harmful, even deadly, exposure to diesel exhaust from railyards and railyard-related operations. These two projects are being proposed at a time of economic recession where cargo forecasts are nowhere near numbers of the current railyard reaching maximum capacity. Instead of creating and expanding railyards in a neighborhood that is disproportionately negatively impacted for the benefit of the rest of the country, it is time to take advantage of this window of opportunity to demand the implementation of 21st century non-polluting goods movement technology and creation of green, safe jobs that our community desperately needs and requests.

2nd: Develop a Community Stakeholder Group to Identify Safer, **Non-polluting** Alternatives to the SCIG and ICTF

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At present there are opportunities for you to take these two actions. On January 25, 2011 there was a Long Beach Joint Meeting of the Environmental Committee and the Tidelands and Harbor Committee that received presentations on rail **infrastructure** at the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles from the University of Southern California, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Port of Long Beach. These three presentations highlighted the benefits of both zero-emission technologies and on-dock rail.

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Our communities need your leadership to publicly oppose the proposed SCIG and ICTF projects and promote real alternatives that will best serve our City and community residents. We look forward to working with you in protecting the health and quality of life of Long Beach residents.

Sincerely,

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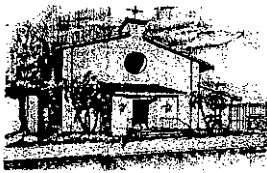
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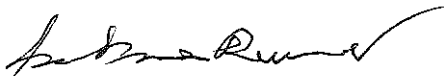
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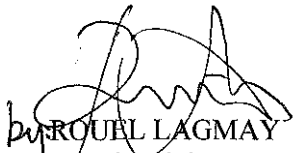
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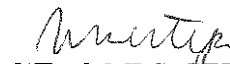
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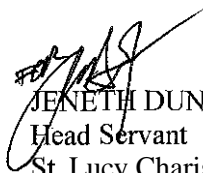
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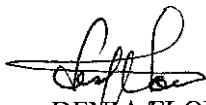
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