

# **George Cunningham**

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1900 Ocean Blvd. #911, Long Beach CA 90802

**Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach**

July 14, 2014

Dear Mayor Garcia and members of the City Council:

This appeal of the Mitsubishi Center Corporation's EIR needs to be rejected by the City Council. This is a good project, which will help both the local and regional economies. The environmental concerns have been discussed and addressed. Mitsubishi has been extremely proactive in discussing the environmental challenges posed by the project and taking steps – some of them quite expensive – to address those concerns.

Rejecting the plan carefully worked out between the port and the company at this point would be to send a message to all future parties wishing to invest in port infrastructure that working in good faith to address environmental concerns is not a wise strategy in Long Beach.

The greening of the port has been an ongoing process in Long Beach. The success of that effort is apparent. Last minute frivolous appeals serve only to inhibit that process.

I reiterate my strong support for Mitsubishi Cement Corporation's Plan to modify its cement import facility at the Port of Long Beach. The recovery of the economy and the anticipated need for concrete for both infrastructure and private development is indeed happy news. The Mitsubishi project will enable new jobs both at the port and at construction projects across the Southland as the economy recovers.

The company has committed to both address the immediate environmental issues and to incorporate future technology and practices that will mitigate its negative impacts. This is a project that is sorely needed and should be approved.

Sincerely,

George Cunningham