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Long Beach City Council  
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Re: Appeal of Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Final  
Environmental Impact Report, approved by Long Beach Board of  
Harbor Commissioners in January 2018

To Long Beach City Council Members:

On behalf of FuturePorts, I am writing to support approval of the Final  
Environmental Impact Report for the Port of Long Beach's Pier B On-  
Dock Rail Support Facility.

FuturePorts is a 501(c)(6) advocacy organization whose members  
represent a broad range of goods movement industry businesses  
operating throughout the Southern California region. Members range  
from small to large companies in the goods movement supply chain  
sector, from engineering and construction companies and their  
suppliers, to labor, and transportation providers. Our members are  
united in their support for sustainable growth at the San Pedro Bay  
Ports.

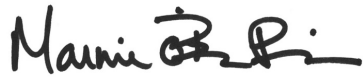
The goods movement industry is the #1 economic engine and jobs  
creator for the state of California, creating millions of direct and  
indirect jobs. Southern California needs an economically viable and  
sustainable supply chain from the waterfront throughout the entire  
distribution network. FuturePorts is here to make that happen.

The Pier B project is vital to keep the Port of Long Beach competitive  
and meet environmental goals outlined in the 2017 Update of the San  
Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. The project would provide  
more track space to connect smaller train segments coming from  
container cargo terminals, allowing the Port to enhance the use of on-  
dock rail. Moving more cargo by on-dock rail minimizes the number  
of trucks on the road, easing traffic and curtailing emissions.

Without the Pier B facility, the Port cannot meet a near-term goal of  
moving 35 percent of containers via on-dock rail or reach an eventual  
goal of 50 percent. It is the best option to accommodate future cargo  
growth and boost economic activity while sustaining 30,000 jobs in  
Long Beach that depend on the city's port. I urge you to vote to  
uphold approval of the EIR by the Harbor Commission.

FuturePorts has been active in commenting on the Pier B project, as our members include utilities and rail carriers that will be directly impacted by this project. We look forward to working with the Port of Long Beach and our members to ensure that the Pier B project provides congestion relief, improves efficiency and reduces emissions in and around the Port complex.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marnie O'Brien Primmer". The signature is stylized with a large "M" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Marnie O'Brien Primmer  
Interim Executive Director  
FuturePorts

Cc: FuturePorts Board

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