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Port President Charles D. Wurster
P.O. Box 120488
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Dear Mr. Wurster:

To keep San Diegans working, while advancing the enhancements of the maritime industry and our marine terminals, is a priority for the Working Waterfront Group.

Therefore, the Working Waterfront Group stands united and in firm opposition of any plans proposed by commercial developers to use land by the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal for a football stadium or any other commercial development. Commercial developers all too often spy large parcels of land and develop non-maritime oriented projects and plans that serve their own interest. Again, we must underscore that the terminals are in direct support of the Port's initiative for preservation and promotion of the maritime industry.

The maritime industry contributes 42,000 jobs and nearly \$8 billion annually in economic impact to the region. As you know, the Port of San Diego is an important niche port, handling fruit, cement, structural steel, fertilizer, industrial components and other bulk cargo that the larger ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles do not appreciate. A smaller, or space constrained, terminal means fewer high paying jobs in our community. It is of highest importance that the regional maritime industry and the two marine terminals are preserved.

Since the Port and the maritime industry also provide vital support to the U.S. Navy, the region's security would be seriously compromised without the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. Furthermore, the region would stand at risk of losing Navy operations.

Considering the current economic climate, the maritime industry is more important than ever. The Working Waterfront Group looks forward to continuing to work with the Port of San Diego to preserve this regional asset.

Sincerely,



John Pasha, Vice President
Pasha Automotive Services
Co-Chair, Working Waterfront Group



Ed Plant, President
Harborside Refrigerated Services
Co-Chair, Working Waterfront Group