



Date: March 22, 2004
To: Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal, 1st District
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, 7th District
From: Mayor Beverly O'Neill *Beverly*
Subject: Senator Feinstein Correspondence

Bonnie Tonia
Dear Councilmembers Lowenthal & Reyes-Uranga:

Thank you for your letter of March 19th, 2004 requesting clarification of a letter sent to Senator Dianne Feinstein about the LNG Terminal in the Port of Long Beach. When I saw Bonnie on Saturday afternoon I could not remember the exact letter that was sent last June, as letters come to my office daily for my signature.

This morning I did the research and you are both correct, I did send a letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein June 19, 2003. The letter was rescinded the next day, and the lobbyist in Washington for the City of Long Beach was asked to notify Senator Feinstein's office that this letter had been sent in error. No further action was taken by this office or the Senator's office; any conversation on the LNG plant was preliminary and needed further review and input.

The intent of the letter was in support of advocating for enhanced energy reliability, and improved air quality. The Legislative Agenda of the City of Long Beach indicates that we support legislation that encourages the use of clean burning alternative fuels for vehicles, and encourages the use of natural gas as an alternative fuel. The Federal Legislative Agenda also supports legislation that improves the quality of air in the City of Long Beach by reducing particulate matter and diesel toxic emissions. While these issues were discussed in the letter, the letter was not appropriate in discussing the proposed LNG plant. The letter was cancelled immediately after it was sent.

If your request was sent to any other offices please let me know them, as I would like to also send this memo to those offices, or individuals.