



MAYOR BOB FOSTER

CITY OF LONG BEACH

December 7, 2006

Thomas E. Giles, President and CEO
Sound Energy Solutions
301 E. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 1510
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mr. Giles:

As you know, I have dedicated considerable effort to reviewing Sound Energy Solutions' proposal to site a liquefied natural gas facility at the Port of Long Beach.

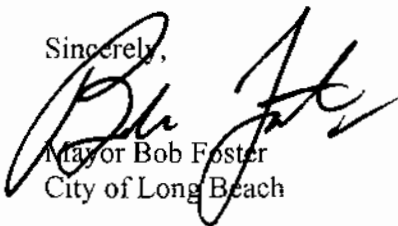
With over 25 years of experience in the energy industry, I appreciate the complexities and assumptions inherent in a project of this type and size. During our meeting at your offices in July, I expressed my grave concerns over locating such a facility in close proximity to a densely populated urban area and noted that I view my primary responsibility as Mayor to protect the safety of the City.

Nothing in my continuing review of the EIR, response to questions from the Port, commentary by the California Public Utilities Commission or other documentation has substantiated the viewpoint that this project ensures the safety of Long Beach residents to my satisfaction. Further, I continue to believe that locating such a large processing and storage facility at the gate of America's commerce pipeline is simply ill advised.

As such, this letter is to inform you that I will not support of a Sound Energy Solutions LNG facility proposal at the Port of Long Beach.

LNG will assuredly play a part in meeting California's projected demand for natural gas in the coming years but via projects that utilize offshore technologies and processing locations that minimize risk to our state's population centers.

Sincerely,



Mayor Bob Foster
City of Long Beach

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Jerry Miller, City Manager, City of Long Beach
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