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Mayor Beverly O'Neill  
City of Long Beach  
333 W Ocean Blvd, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: LNG terminal at Port of Long Beach

Dear Mayor O'Neill:

It has come to our attention that in June of last year, you wrote Senator Dianne Feinstein a letter indicating support by the City for construction of a Liquefied Natural Gas terminal in the Port of Long Beach by Sound Energy Solutions (SES), a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Corporation. Although at that time the Board of Harbor Commissioners had approved an agreement granting SES the exclusive right to pursue development of an LNG facility at the Port of Long Beach, the City Council, *as the elected body of the City of Long Beach*, had not and has not yet taken a position on this venture.

In your letter you indicated that "we have met with SES officials..... we support construction of the LNG terminal..." We want to make it perfectly clear that the City Council is fully committed to a public discussion of this issue, and your letter to Senator Feinstein, while indicating your personal support of an LNG terminal at the port of Long Beach, did not reflect the views of the City Council and, in fact, was premature in doing so. We believe there are still many issues yet to be vetted in a public discourse.

We would respectfully request that you clarify the situation.

Sincerely,

BONNIE LOWENTHAL  
Councilmember, First District

TONIA REYES-URANGA  
Councilmember, Seventh District