

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2009

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write as bipartisan representatives of the California congressional delegation to express our support for our state's proposals to host key meetings within the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) process. As you know, the APEC process is vitally important to United States economic and political interests, especially with the critical need to drive economic recovery and job creation. We should not squander the opportunities afforded by the United States hosting the APEC process in 2011.

As you and Secretary Clinton discuss the location of the Leaders' Week summit – and ministerial meetings leading up to the summit – we must underscore that there is no state more vitally engaged and with more at stake in our Asia-Pacific relationships than California.

California's APEC relationship includes an estimated \$140 billion of merchandise and service exports to APEC destinations, over \$422 billion in two-way shipping through California customs districts, and among the most extensive two-way business and pleasure travel. Californians also enjoy significant cultural and familial ties with the other APEC countries, and we understand that more APEC country expatriates and families live here than any other state.

We therefore strongly urge you to select a California city to host Leaders' Week, and we urge you to direct officials working on APEC 2011 to coordinate with the CalAPEC coalition in California to plan appropriately for key ministerial and senior level meetings in California.

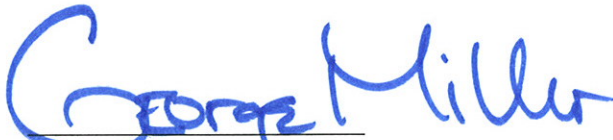
Two California cities – Los Angeles and San Francisco – have officially proposed to host Leader's Week in 2011 with the coordinated support of CalAPEC. To our knowledge, no other host organization has sent an official representative to recent APEC meetings, and no other state has assembled a statewide coalition of business, government, and nonprofit groups to prepare for APEC 2011 as has been produced with CalAPEC.

We fully support the proposals of San Francisco and Los Angeles to host the APEC 2011 Leaders' Meeting, and we endorse a CalAPEC proposal to host a first-ever joint meeting of APEC Energy and Environmental Ministers in California, as well as to host the APEC Trade Ministers and any other appropriate Ministerial and Senior Official meetings during the course of 2011.

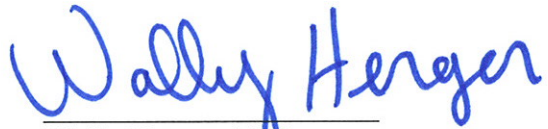
Choosing a California host is the right thing for our country and for a successful US year in APEC. California offers one of the most attractive destinations of any state, and has the economic clout, business community, political stature, and event infrastructure that are essential for successful APEC meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this matter. We look forward to working with your Administration on Asia-Pacific economic recovery and growth.

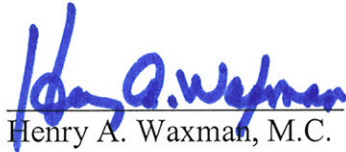
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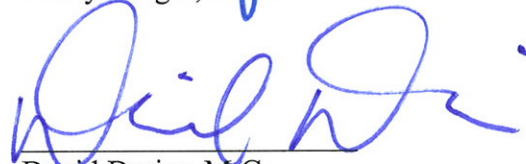
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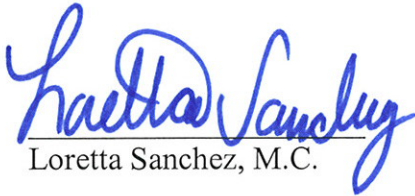
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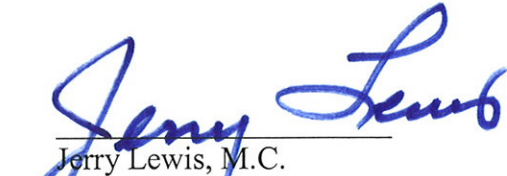
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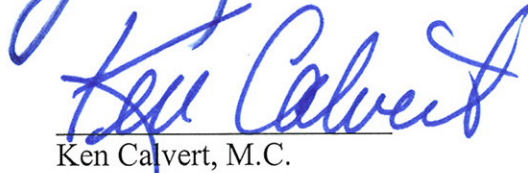
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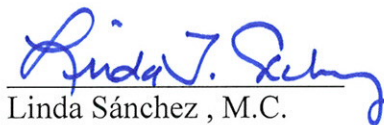
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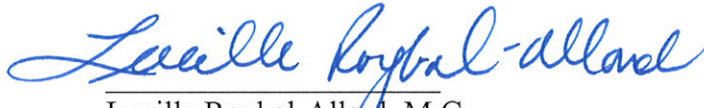
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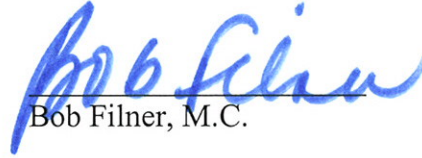
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