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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) as it undertakes the development of a new pier to accommodate the forthcoming state-of-the-art training vessel, the *T/S GOLDEN STATE*, scheduled to arrive in 2027.

This vital and visionary project will significantly strengthen the Academy's capacity to deliver world-class maritime education and hands-on training. As one of the nation's premier institutions for producing highly skilled and competent Merchant Mariners, Cal Maritime plays an essential role in advancing the safety, innovation, and sustainability of the maritime industry.

The new pier and the *T/S GOLDEN STATE* represent a transformative step forward ensuring cadets are equipped with cutting-edge training aligned with current and future industry standards. The facility will not only benefit students and faculty but also enhance the maritime sector's workforce readiness and operational excellence at a time of growing demand for maritime professionals.

Cal Maritime's longstanding contributions to the maritime community, both regionally and nationally, cannot be overstated. Investing in infrastructure and educational tools is an investment in the continued strength and resilience of the maritime industry.

I fully support Cal Maritime in this endeavor and urge all relevant authorities and stakeholders to recognize and advance this critical project.

Best Regards,

Erin Pierson

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Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Re: California Maritime Academy Pier Replacement

Dear Sir/Madam;

As graduate of Cal Maritime and a former member of the BCDC Seaport Advisory Committee I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) as it undertakes the development of a new pier to accommodate the forthcoming state-of-the-art training vessel, the *T/S GOLDEN STATE*, scheduled to arrive in 2027.

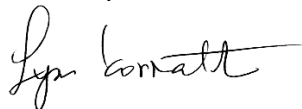
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I fully support Cal Maritime in this endeavor and urge all relevant authorities and stakeholders to recognize and advance this critical project. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information or support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Korwatch", with a stylized, flowing script.

Captain Lynn Korwatch