



**Office of Roberto Uranga**

**Councilmember, Seventh District**

**Date:** August 12, 2014

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District  
Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District  
Councilmember Rex Richardson, Ninth District

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**Subject: Support for the National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2014**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Direct the City Manager, or his designee, to communicate the City's support for House Resolution 5101 (CA-Hahn).

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Long Beach is home to the second largest port complex in the United States. The economic benefits gained through the combined Port of Long Beach/Los Angeles have supported areas of job creation and economic development.

The National Freight Network Trust Fund was introduced to Congress this year as a bill that would enhance national economic benefits, reduce congestion, and improve transportation safety. This legislation would create a dedicated funding source at no new cost to business or individuals by depositing 5% of all import duties collected by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and place these funds in the National Freight Network Trust Fund.

Currently, there are not enough funds to modernize or increase the efficiency of our freight network. For example, goods that leave the port complex take 48 hours to arrive in Chicago and take 30 hours to travel across the city. This inefficiency is unacceptable and means higher costs for consumers, more congestion, more pollution, and fewer jobs. The bottom line is that we need to fund our nation's freight network.

Therefore, it is in the best interest that the City Council support Congresswoman Hahn on this valuable and impressive piece of legislation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal or job impact associated with this request.



**City of Long Beach Memorandum**  
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## REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

**Date:** *August 8, 2014*

**To:** Larry Herrera, City Clerk

**From:** *Councilmember Uranga 7<sup>th</sup> District*

**Subject:** Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of **August 12, 2014**

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Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

**Direct the City Manager, or his designee, to communicate the City's support for House Resolution 5101 (CA-Hahn).**

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
9	<i>[Signature]</i>	Shauna Stevens on behalf of Councilmember Richardson
7	<i>[Signature]</i>	Roberto Uranga
6	Al Austin	<i>[Signature]</i>

CC: Office of the Mayor