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To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

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Subject: Request the City Attorney to prepare a resolution supporting Senator Alan Lowenthal's Harbor Area Air Quality Investment Initiative (SB 760, SB 762, and SB 764)

Recommended Action

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Background

The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles are the third largest port complex in the world. The ports are important economic engines for the region and nation but port related activities have adverse impacts from congestion and pollution on surrounding areas.

Senator Alan Lowenthal has introduced three pieces of legislation that comprise the Harbor Area Air Quality Investment Initiative and attempt to mitigate the community impacts of port activities. The specific bills do the following:

- o SB 760 would impose a fee on containers transported through the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles – the fee would go to programs that would improve air quality, strengthen port security and improve the transportation infrastructure by funding improvements to move more cargo by rail;
- o SB 762 would create a port congestion and environmental quality district to reduce the truck fleet by prohibiting the dirtiest trucks from the ports; &
- o SB 764, a reintroduction of last session's "no net increase" bill, will provide accountability to the emissions problems at the ports.

We would like to request our colleagues to support this resolution and these efforts to protect our residents.