RESOLUTION NO. RES-07-0045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 974 (LOWENTHAL) REGARDING FINANCING OF PORT CONGESTION RELIEF AND PORT MITIGATION RELIEF

WHEREAS, there is a need to mitigate the enormous burden imposed on the highway and rail transportation systems serving the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach by the overland movement of cargo shipped from and to those ports; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the ports causes environmental pollution that requires mitigation; and

WHEREAS, air pollution in California is an ongoing problem that impacts the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 974 would result in a marked improvement to air quality and reduce Port congestion; and

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Council aggressively supports legislative efforts aimed at curbing the effects of the congestion and pollution in Long Beach and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 974 would mandate the collection of container fees at the Ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles and Oakland that could be used to fund goods-movement related infrastructure and clean-air programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby supports Senator Alan Lowenthal's Senate Bill 974 and directs the City Manager to advocate for the passage of this important initiative designed to improve air quality and the transportation infrastructure.

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Councilmembers:

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City Clerk

B. Lowenthal, DeLong.

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Noes:

Absent: