



RESOLUTION NO. 011712-A

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OPPOSING CERTIFICATION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AS CURRENTLY CIRCULATED BY THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, the Port of Los Angeles has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (September 2011) for the Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) Project which proposes the development of 153 acres of new and substantially expanded intermodal railyard operations that would transfer containerized cargo between trucks and railcars; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the District has the right to evaluate and comment on the EIR; and

WHEREAS, the SCIG Project is in a location close to sensitive receptors that will adversely affect the District's students and staff as nearby schools include Webster Elementary, Garfield Elementary School, Muir Elementary School, Stephens Middle School, Hudson K-8 School, Cabrillo High School, Reid High School, and Bethune Transitional School; and

WHEREAS, the SCIG Project EIR fails to adequately disclose significant project impacts, including impacts to District schools, staff, and students, because the EIR analysis is predicated upon illusory baseline conditions that mislead the public as to the reality of the impacts, and the EIR does not use established cancer risk factors that account for the greater sensitivity of students to toxic air contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the SCIG Project EIR does not adequately address or mitigate noise, traffic, air quality, and human health risk impacts to schools and other sensitive receptors, fails to adequately evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed Project, and fails to provide sufficient evidence that the zero emissions alternative is infeasible; and

WHEREAS, the SCIG Project EIR fails to adequately and accurately assess the cumulative impacts of the SCIG project in connection with other substantial development projects that will generate cumulative emissions that affect the District's schools, students and staff; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to the District as a policy matter to be sure that the emissions and other impacts of development projects on the District's schools, students, and staff are fully disclosed and mitigated, and

WHEREAS, the inadequacies of the EIR prevent the District from evaluating the true environmental consequences of the SCIG Project upon nearby school facilities and making a determination on whether to support or oppose the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Board does hereby find and determine that the foregoing recitals and determinations are true and correct.

Section 2. That the Board of the District hereby formally opposes certification of SCIG project EIR in its current form, and requests recirculation after completion of substantial revisions to ensure it adequately evaluates the environmental impacts on District students, staff, and facilities.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED, this 17th day of January, 2012.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LONG BEACH
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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