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Administrator Michael Regan U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Port of Los Angeles EPA Clean Ports Program Application

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council is pleased to provide this letter of support for the application submitted by the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Port of Los Angeles, or POLA) in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Ports Program Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The Port of Los Angeles (POLA), in collaboration with various terminal partners and the Harbor Community Benefits Foundation (HCBF), is seeking funding to accelerate its transition towards zero-emission on-terminal operations by 2030. This ambitious project will significantly reduce air pollution at the port, aligning with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Ports Program's objectives to support the port industry's shift toward sustainable and resilient infrastructure.

The proposed project will deploy a wide variety of zero emissions equipment all across the Port, install one of the first global shore-power support systems for auto-carrier vessels, and implement a unique and ambitious community-driven effort to both deploy zero emissions grants directed by the community as well as coordinate clean technology engagement efforts between the Port and the surrounding community managed by HCBF. This project builds on POLA's years of experience in demonstrating and deploying zero emissions technologies into service, including the world's first deployment of a zero emissions Top Handler in 2019.

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council believes the Port of Los Angeles's proposed project is well-matched to US EPA's Clean Ports Program objectives. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our enthusiastic support for this project and we appreciate your consideration of this application. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact us at: cspnclive@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Douglas Epperhant

Doug Epperhart, President On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board