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AQMD Board Members
South Coast Air Quality Management District
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[submitted electronically to clerkofboard@aqmd.gov]

AQMD Board Members,

The Port of Long Beach (Port) values our long-standing relationship with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and we look forward to continuing to work together to reduce air quality impacts from port-related mobile operations.

The Port remains committed to working with SCAQMD to finalize a MOU that outlines the measures and actions for the Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles (Ports) to address the federal ambient air quality standards. We have already dedicated significant resources into development of the MOU terms that were negotiated between the SCAQMD and Port staff from 2018 to 2020 and which were supported through the public Technical Working Group process. We believe this provides a good starting point for the continued negotiations.

We also acknowledge the newly proposed MOU terms provided by SCAQMD staff to the Ports on July 27th, which seek to identify additional opportunities for emission reductions. These newly proposed measures, which go beyond the publically-vetted and Board-approved 2017 CAAP Update, must be further reviewed and evaluated, including determining whether they are within the Ports' jurisdiction and legal authority to implement. We will work through these discussions with urgency, consistent with your direction and expectations as outlined at your meeting on August 6th.

We also look forward to participating in the upcoming meetings of the Marine Ports Committee, which is anticipated to meet on a monthly basis for the next 4 months.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support for our Clean Air Action Plan. We look forward to ongoing cooperation and collaboration to meet our shared goals to protect public health, reduce local air pollution, and address global climate change.

Sincerely,

Mario Cordero
Executive Director
Port of Long Beach

cc: Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer SCAQMD